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NOTICE.

Assessment Act and Provincial Revenue Tax.

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with the Statutes, that Provincial Revenue Tax and all taxes levied under the Assessment Act are now due for the year 1897. All of the above named taxes collectible within Victoria City, South Victoria and Esquimalt Electoral Districts, North Saanich, Rupert, Sayward, Quatsino, Coast and Queen Charlotte Island Land Districts, with parts of Barclay and Clayoquot Districts assessed by me, are payable at my office.

Assessed taxes are collectible at the following rates, viz:—

Four-fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of real estate, other than wild land.
Three quarters of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property.
On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars the following rates, namely: Upon such excess, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and three-quarters of one per cent.
Three per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.

If paid on or before the 30th day of June, 1897:
Three-fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of real estate, other than wild land.
One-half of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property.
Upon such excess of income when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.
Two and one-half per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.
Provincial Revenue Tax, $3.00 per capita (residents of Victoria City excepted.)

CORNELIUS BOOTH,
Assessor and Collector.

January 2nd, 1897. ja12

VICTOR JENSEN, deceased.—This is to give notice that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, at the next sitting, for a transfer of the license for the Boomerang Hotel, Langley Alley, to sell wine, beer and spirits by retail, now standing in the name of Victor Jensen, to myself, Sarah Jensen.

SARAH JENSEN,
Executrix of the Estate of the late Victor Jensen.

January 29th, 1897. ja30

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Gallery tickets (unreserved) can be obtained at Jamieson's on and after Monday, February 1st. Patrons are advised to purchase them at Jamieson's before the evening of performance, and thus avoid rush at gallery box office. ja29 Sale of seats for second night will open on Monday, February 1st, at 9 o'clock.

VANCOUVER POULTRY, DOG AND PET STOCK SHOW.

To be held at Vancouver from Tuesday, February 9th, to Friday 12th, inclusive. Prizes, $400. Judge of poultry, Sharp Butterfield; judge of dogs being arranged for. Prize lists and entry forms may be obtained from, and entries made with E. Galloway, assistant superintendent, at the Arcade News Stand, or M. C. McLEAN, 1830 Westminster Avenue, Secretary; or W. J. Corbett, New Westminster. ja23

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SOUTH AFRICAN ISSUE.

Mr. Chamberlain Makes an Important Statement—Parliamentary Committee Appointed.

Bubonic Plague—Russian Soldiers Suffering—Black Sea Fleet Ready for Service.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—Mr. James Maclean, Conservative, representing the district of Cardiff, to-day withdrew his amendment to Mr. Chamberlain's motion of yesterday on the re-appointment of a parliamentary committee to enquire into the administration of South Africa and incidentally to the Transvaal raid.

Mr. Chamberlain made a statement in which he declared that the situation in South Africa had undoubtedly become most critical during the last few months. There had been, he explained, a recrudescence of unrest; the recent legislation of the Transvaal was partly contrary to the convention in London, and President Kruger had not kept his promise to give full and favorable consideration to the grievances of the population. Continuing, Mr. Chamberlain said that he did not blame President Kruger personally, he only wished the President's hands to be strengthened in his policy. The Chartered Company, he added, had no reason to fear an inquiry and he believed the company would be able to show a good case.

Mr. Chamberlain then remarked: "An inquiry into the origin of the raid would be a shame unless it carefully inquired into the Uitlanders' grievances, and this opens up pitfalls of difficulties. Nevertheless the government will press the re-appointment of a committee with an increase of its number to seventeen in order to enable the Irish members to be represented."

Mr. Chamberlain's motion to reappoint a parliamentary committee to inquire into the administration of South Africa, was then adopted without division or amendment.

The Rome correspondent of the Telegraph claims to be in possession of indisputable facts which indicate a speedy cessation of hostilities in Cuba as a result of the application by Spain of the principles of home rule to that colony.

The Graphic says that it is rumored that Cecil Rhodes, who arrived in England a week ago, brought with him to London, documentary proof of the intrigues alleged to have taken place between President Kruger, of the Transvaal, and the German government. It is claimed that the magnificent country house at Capetown belonging to Colonel Rhodes, ruined by fire on December 15, was burned for the purpose of destroying these documents.

Despatches received at Lisbon from Goa, the capital city of the Portuguese territory of that name in India, say there are three cases of bubonic plague in the hospital there.

A despatch to the telegraph from St. Petersburg gives an official denial of the report that a number of cases of bubonic plague recently made their appearance in Russian Pamir. According to a report which has been officially denied, a number of Russian soldiers in one of the military outposts on the tableland of Central Asia had been suffering from the diseases.

Count Muravieff, the Russian minister of foreign affairs, who is on a special mission to Paris, had a long conference to-day with M. Hanotaux, minister of foreign affairs. The latter gave a lunch in honor of the Russian visitor at which the cabiner ministers and members of the diplomatic corps were present. M. Hanotaux made a speech during which he eulogized Count Muravieff and the latter thanked his host. In doing so, Count Muravieff dwelt upon the peaceful aims of the Franco-Russian intimacy. Count Muravieff at the conclusion of his lunch and conference with M. Hanotaux left for Berlin.

A dispatch to the Times from Odessa, commenting on the military and naval preparations on the part of Russia, says that the Black Sea fleet, consisting of seven ironclads, as well as cruisers, gunboats, torpedo boats and torpedo destroyers, is continuously kept under steam and ready for active service. As for the Sebastopool fleet, the correspondent of the Times at Odessa, asserts that it was never in more splendid trim for fighting.

The French chamber of deputies by a vote of 252 to 241 rejected the amendment of M. Jaures, socialist, to the first clause of the bill granting export bounties on sugar, which was adopted yesterday. The amendment of M. Jaures was that bounties should only be paid on sugar in 1897, instead of 1896 and thereafter.

A special dispatch from Monte Carlo published to-day says that an interview is published with Rigo's wife, in which she is quoted as saying she has received a letter from the Princess urging her to agree to a divorce in order that the Princesses Chimay may not be born out of wedlock.

A severe storm and whirlwind recently caused serious damage at Lapaz and other Bolivia towns. In Peru traffic on the Central railway between Oroya and Lima has been completely stopped by landslides.

The Nationalists of Londonderry have held a meeting to consider the letter of Mr. Vesey Knox, M.P., who wrote his electors offering to resign rather than accept the new constitution of the Irish parliamentary party, which, he said, replaces the old Irish party by a factionist secret society. Mr. Knox's constituents adopted a vote of confidence in him. This action taken was the result of a motion adopted on Monday last at an adjourned meeting of the Irish parliamentary party, which provides for the expulsion from that party of anyone publicly opposing the decisions reached by the majority at a party meeting or in the parliamentary action of the chairman on behalf of the party or in supporting a fund to maintain a portion of the party in rivalry to the Irish National Federation.

HUDSON BAY SURVEY.

The "Diana" Engaged by the Dominion Government to Make an Investigation.

ST. JOHN'S Nfld., Jan. 29.—(Special)—The steamer Neptune, the most powerful of the sealing fleet in Newfoundland, starts to-morrow for a week's cruise among the icefloes of the Grand Banks region. This expedition was organized in the hope of finding the missing steamer State of Georgia, which is believed to be frozen fast in the ice. The The Neptune has been chartered by the owners of the State of Georgia. Local masters are doubtful if anything can be learned of the missing ship. The Diana, another sealer, has been engaged by the Dominion government to conduct the survey of the Hudson's Bay region next summer in connection with the proposed railway there. Captain John Bartlett, who commanded the last two Peary expeditions, will probably have charge of the Diana.

ACCIDENT AT ROSSLAND.

Another Twenty-five Thousand Dividend Declared From Le Roi Mine.

ROSSLAND, Jan. 29.—(Special)—Joseph D. Nicholson, unmarried, 45 years old, was horribly mangled this afternoon in an explosion at the Red Eagle mine. He had fired three holes and one of them hung fire. Thinking it had missed he returned to fire it again when it exploded. The left side of his head was blown almost clean off, and though still alive cannot survive till morning. He was a native of Antioch, Contra Costa county, Cal., and had been prospecting for several years in the Cascade range, Washington. He is said to own valuable prospects there in conjunction with Seattle capitalists.

Le Roi has declared another dividend of $25,000, the second of that amount this month. This makes the total dividends of this company $300,000, all paid in less than eighteen months.

CUBAN AUTONOMY.

Negotiations Proceeding Between Spain and the U. S.—The Autonomy Programme.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—A despatch to the Daily Mail says that negotiations are actively proceeding between Spain and the United States, Secretary Olney acting as intermediary for Cuba. The new autonomy programme gives Cuba two legislatives chambers and reserves to the power to govern all tariff and revenue bills, Cuba paying an equitable share of the expense of the Spanish army and navy. The Governor-General is to have full power to appoint all the subordinates. It is claimed that Cuba will accept the provisions if assured of the protection of the United States government and of the sincerity of Spain.

ARMOR PLATE FOR RUSSIA.

Successful Test of Pennsylvania Manufacture.

BETHLEHEM, Jan. 29.—Lieut. Meigs, the Bethlehem Iron Company's armor expert, has cabled from St. Petersburg, Russia, that a very successful test of armor manufactured here for the Russian government has been made at the Ocha proving grounds. The test was witnessed by many Russian officials, who expressed great satisfaction at the splendid quality of the plates. The plate was one representing 500 tons of side armor for the Russian battleship Rasticlov. It is of Harveyized nickel steel. The result of this assures the acceptance of the side armor plates for the Rasticlov.

U.S. SECRETARY AT WAR.

Russell A. Alger Has Accepted the War Portfolio.

CANTON, Jan. 29.—"I have been tendered and have accepted the War portfolio," General Russell A. Alger, of Michigan, said to the Associated Press representative this afternoon. Major McKinley and General Alger had just completed the interview in which the formal tender and acceptance were passed.

WASHINGTON'S SENATOR.

Hon. George F. Turner Elected by Eighty-Six Votes.

OLYMPIA, Jan. 29.—George F. Turner, who last night received the caucus nomination for U.S. senator, was to-day elected in joint session of the legislature, receiving 86 votes—11 more than necessary to elect.

FAILURES IN CANADA.

Bradstreet's Statement for the Week Just Closed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—The total number of business failures throughout the Canadian Dominion this week according to Bradstreet's is 56. Last week the total was 57 and the same week last year it was 63, while in the same week two years ago it was 56, and in the corresponding period of 1894 it was 44.

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FIELD DAY FOR THE N.P.

Manufacturers of all Descriptions Deprecate Interference With Existing Tariff.

Survey of the Fraser River—Relief for India—Mr. Foster for Rossland.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 29.—The national policy had a great field day before the tariff commission. Representatives of the oil industry, woollen and knitted goods manufacturers, presented a strong case and asked in effect that there be no interference with the present tariff. Messrs. Rosamond and Kendry, M.'s P., headed the deputation of the woollen men who urged a continuance of the present tariff on woollens. They said that 15,000 hands were now employed in this industry, the annual wages paid $5,000,000, capital invested $15,000,000. A reduction in wages must necessarily follow a reduction in the tariff. The knitted goods manufacturers made representations to like purpose. Their capital was valued at $4,000,000, the hands employed being 4,900, and the wages paid $1,250,000.

The colonial secretary, Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, has replied to the message of the Governor General with reference to the movement for relieving the sufferers in India, stating that the assistance of Canada will be warmly appreciated. His Excellency has arranged to send the results of the Canadian subscription direct to Calcutta to the care of the chairman of the central relief committee there. This, Mr. Chamberlain remarks, will no doubt be the best method.

Hon. Mr. Foster left for Rossland tonight on gold mining business.

J. Roy, civil engineer, of Montreal, will shortly leave to make a survey of the Fraser river.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

(Special to the Colonist.)

"Not Afraid of the Hierarchy."

MONTREAL, Jan. 29.—In Le Cultivateur, Hon. Mr. Tarte says the Liberal leaders will remain firm and are not afraid of the hierarchy. Beaugrand is recovering from his recent dangerous illness.

Apostolic Delegate for Canada.

MONTREAL, Jan. 29.—A special from Quebec says a rumor is current there that news has been received from Rome to the effect that Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick has succeeded in his mission on the Manitoba school question and that the Holy See has consented to send an apostolic delegate to Canada.

Conservative Confirmed In His Seat.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Jan. 29.—J. W. Ganong, Conservative member for Charlotte county, has been confirmed in his seat.

Laurier's Course Most Treacherous.

ORILLIA, Jan. 29.—In the East Simcoe contest Hon. Mr. Foster created a sensation at a meeting here by branding Hon. Mr. Laurier as a liar in dealing with the school question. The present Premier solemnly promised the electors a commission, but none was appointed. His course has been most treacherous.

Frozen to Death.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 29.—Joseph McKenzie, of Winnipeg, was frozen to death in Minnesota during the recent storm.

A Farmer Suicides.

MCKELLAR, Jan. 29.—Robert Patterson, a well-to-do farmer, has committed suicide.

Fire in London.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—Fire this morning did $20,000 damage to the Patterson & Joly agricultural works.

Indian Relief Fund.

TORONTO, Jan. 29.—This city will give $1,000 to the India relief fund. The Manitoba government will give $2,000, and Winnipeg city probably $1,000. The Montreal Star's famine fund has reached $17,000.

U. S. Cattle Quarantine Amendments.

TORONTO, Jan. 29.—As a result of the amendments to the U. S. government's quarantine restrictions against Canadian cattle, active preparations are making for a big trade. Several trains will be rushed on Sunday into the States for Monday's market.

"RANK ANNEXATION."

"Mr. John Charlton Looking to Washington."

TORONTO, Jan. 29.—The Mail-Empire gives a report of the address of John Charlton, M.P., at Tonawanda, N.Y., last night, in which he represented saying the only way in which annexation can be accomplished is to bring about a closer commercial policy. The Mail-Empire heads its article, "Rank annexation, Mr. John Charlton looking to Washington."

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"Sterling"—"Built like a watch."

THE FRUIT GROWERS.

Annual Meeting of the Provincial Association Opens at the City Hall.

Co-operation Among the Farmers One of the Chief Topics to Be Discussed.

Opinions Differ as to the Educational Value of Small Rural Shows.

The snow storm of Wednesday night and the consequent failure of the steamer to connect at Vancouver somewhat demoralized the arrangements that had been made for the annual meeting of the British Columbia Fruit Growers Association yesterday. On this account the forenoon programme was altered so as to keep the more important business and the president's address until the greater number of the Mainland delegates could get down by way of Nanaimo.

Mr. Thomas G. Earl, of Lytton, the president, was on hand and took the chair at the city hall at 11 o'clock, Mr. J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, supporting him on the left, and Mr. G. H. Hadwen, acting temporarily as secretary. The big silver loving cup won by British Columbia at the Spokane fruit fair last summer occupied a place of honor on the president's desk, and Mr. Earl in pointing it out to the members said, "This shows what British Columbia can do in competition with the noted fruit states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho. If our exhibit had been there earlier it no doubt would have carried off many other prizes. I think you ought all to be proud of that prize, for the honor belongs to the whole of British Columbia." Mr. E. Hutcherson, of Ladner's, who was in charge of the B. C. fruit exhibit was referred to gracefully by the president as deserving of great credit for his energy and ability in looking after and placing the exhibit.

The members agreed with the president, and to show their appreciation of Mr. Hutcherson gave him a standing vote of thanks.

Mr. Hutcherson modestly blushed up, and for a moment was somewhat at a loss for words to express his pleasure and thanks. He wished the members to understand, however, that the whole credit really belonged to Mr. Earl, for it was his fruit that was at the show. It was fruit of which any man might be proud, and at the fair the Canadians who saw it—and there were many there—came up to him and shook hands, saying they were proud to see Canada turn out such fruit.

Next came the consideration of the amendments to constitution and by-laws of the association recommended by the special committee which met at Westminster a couple of months ago. These were taken up seriatim and adopted with little change. The principal amendments were to change the name from "The B.C. Fruit Growers' Association" to "The B.C. Fruit Growers' Association and Horticultural Society." The objects of the association were extended to making efforts to securing the proper marketing of fruit and for obtaining better transportation facilities. In the by-laws the quarterly meetings were changed to January, April, July and October; an amendment being made to provide that all money paid into the association should be deposited in a chartered bank; the annual exhibitions of the association were made optional instead of obligatory, and the financial year was changed from November 30 to December 31. The membership fee was cut down from $2 to $1, and in this connection the president said he hoped that the membership would be largely increased so that the association would truly represent the whole province, for it would have then greater weight in approaching transportation companies for improved facilities. Already the association had been able to accomplish something in this way as the market that had been opened up with the Kootenay country showed.

Attention was called during the forenoon session to some very fine samples of new varieties of apples from the Dominion experimental farm at Agassiz. Mr. Sharp had been unable to come himself, but sent these down to give the fruit growers the opportunity to see them. The varieties were York, Imperial, Stark, Salome and Sutton's Beauty. Mr. Earl, the president, also showed some splendid samples of Vanderveer apples from his orchard and some excellent specimens of Ben Davis from Mr. Evans, of Ashcroft.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Practical Remarks From Mr. T. G. Earl, Who Has Himself Made a Success of Fruit.

GENTLEMEN:—This is the eighth year of our organization, and I regret to say it has not been a prosperous one for the fruit-grower. Owing to the cold, late spring, the crop of fruit on the lower Fraser and islands was a partial failure, whilst in the interior we have had good crops—never better, I am certain. Now, to offset all this, we had a very sudden cold snap, commencing November 9, and and lasting the balance of the month. When the cold wave struck us the sap was all up, as there had been no frosts sufficient to send the sap down and prepare the tree for winter. The thermometer in a few days dropped at Lytton to 16 and at Kamloops to 22 degs. below zero. Now, under these conditions thousands of trees in the interior have been winter killed, mostly of the winter varieties; while on the lower Fraser and coast I believe the loss is trifling. In 1875, just twenty-one years ago, we lost large numbers of trees by a cold snap similar to the one that occurred this year. With these undeniable facts before us I think it is our duty to let it be known and not try to conceal it, as then all can guard against such failures in future. Certainly no one will deny the fact that we can grow as nice fruit as can be grown anywhere.

With past experience is it not better to grow varieties that we know will stand the sudden changes, instead of going in for so many fancy varieties? I find that for summer the Yellow Transparent, Red Astracan, Duchess and Mrs. Favorite usually come out well, for early autumn Alexander and Wealthy come through safely. For early winter the New York Vandreveer cannot be beaten. It is a very nice red apple, and in general appearance resembles the Wealthy. The Blue Pearmain is a large dark red apple, but not as good as the Vanderveer; these two varieties ought to keep real well until after New Year's, and I have kept them until May. The Red Streak or Twenty-Ounce Pippin and Waxen will also stand and keep until New Years or later. I also find for late winter three varieties do well, namely, Ben Davis, Talman Sweeting and Ribstone Pippin; all the above mentioned apples I am certain will stand under most any condition.

Of pears, only Early Summer and Bartletts have endured the severe cold, while cherries, plums, prunes and peaches are a total loss; but as they come into bearing in a few years we can afford to replace them.

Now, gentlemen, I am in hopes that the fruit trees in the interior above Kamloops are safe, as the frost sets in so early. This is not only an individual loss, but a loss to the whole province. It is especially deplorable just now, as the mining resources of this province are becoming so well known as the richest and of greater extent than any heretofore discovered. I venture to say there is not a day but what new ledges and mines are discovered. When we take into account the many millions of English capital which is sure to flow into this province, let us pause and consider the glorious future of British Columbia. Many thousands of miners and others will come to the province and we may certainly calculate by 1900 to have a population of at least 300,000. This is where the fruit grower and farmer comes in. What a market they will have. It is hard to estimate the vast amount of money these industries will retain in the province, which, I am sorry to say, in the past, has gone out of it. Here let me say the horticultural as well as the other branches of agriculture have not been appreciated as they should have been.

Let us see which is best for the province—agriculture or the lumber and fishing industries. They are on the coast and most of their supplies are obtained from the American side; ships come to our ports and take all this wealth out of the province. And what do we retain of all this vast wealth? You will all say a very small proportion in comparison to what is taken away.

On the other hand, our mines are all over the province, mostly in the interior, and as has been said before, here is where the horticultural and other interests come in; they are the backbone of the country. The miners are like the lumbermen and fishermen, for they will take away all they can; while the agriculturist is a bona fide settler, and what he produced is retained in the province. What he raises, grain, roots or fruit, he will sell to the miners, as we may reasonably expect a ready market for all we can raise. Now, certainly we have the very finest land in the world, and if we have a ready market for all we can grow there will soon be ten farmers where there is one now. If we can only supply the demand the producers as well as the consumers will soon be prosperous and soon every available piece of land will be occupied by a happy and prosperous people; then the horticultural and agricultural interests generally will be more fully developed and appreciated than they have been. Most farmers grow some fruit, even if only a small quantity, and I consider this association is working for the interests of all to the best of its ability and means to work with. The government has been very generous and deserves the thanks of all. This association has heretofore issued annual reports, but it was considered advisable to omit it this year, as we were running behind, and we only got out our report in February last, I think with care we will have enough to do until our next report is issued. In fact I see no good of going to the expense of getting out a report every year, as it is mostly a repitition of the previous one and costs from $300 to $400, and I think the money can be used to better advantage. My friend, Mr. Henry, president and manager of the Fruit Exchange, will tell you that owing to the failure of crops and unforseen losses the exchange has not been a financial success this year. Let him tell you about the exchange in his report. It has been suggested that the Fruitgrowers' Association help the exchange by donating most of our surplus funds, which in my opinion could not be devoted to a better purpose, as the exchange is a new institution. The expenses are heavy in starting, and reaching out for new markets, which are certain to help the whole province. It is to be hoped that the government will see its way clear to helping it by granting for a few years the sum of $500 per annum. As we have not yet felt the beneficial influence of the mining industry, nor can we expect to for a few years yet, as it is most all development work unless it is in the Kootenays, where most of the supplies are obtainable from the American side. We have rich mines at Lillooet, Cariboo and Kamloops, and in fact all over the interior. There can be no doubt of the future. The Fruitgrowers' Association for the first time held the quarterly meeting in the interior and considering it was the first time, we met with fair success. We first had a meeting at Salmon Arm; we also had a meeting at Armstrong and Kelowna, our regular quarterly meeting being held at Vernon. It was considered advisable to have Messrs. Henry and Hutcherson attend, as they are prominent members of the F.G.A., and the association to pay their actual expenses. I consider no better move could have been made on our first meeting in the interior. Mr. R. M. Palmer attended in his official capacity. There was much good accomplished for the Fruit Exchange in coming in touch with the local exchanges of the interior, but I presume Mr. Henry will speak of all this. At these meetings we did not canvass for members. At the annual meeting the secretary had been requested to write to all delinquent members to pay up or their names would be taken off the list of members.

Mr. Hutcherson had very wisely offered a resolution that the constitution be amended so membership fees would be reduced from $2 to $1 and a committee was appointed, so I hope at our business meeting the resolution will be adopted. When the membership fees are reduced I hope the list will soon comprise at least 100 names or more. I think by vigorously canvassing there ought to be at least that many at the annual meeting of 1898; at present I am sorry to say there are not over 25 members, and then we have over 100 directors or over 75 more than actual members. I dare say this was never intended to be the case. It is recommended that this year we only appoint to the directorship those who we have good reason to think will pay in the $1 and become members and that they be notified that unless they do so by the next quarterly meeting their names will be stricken out. With only one dollar to pay, some of my friends in the interior wrote me they contemplated joining. I think all will agree with me that it is high time some new element was introduced into the association if we are going to succeed. We want live, active members, who will take an active interest, and the more members we have the more good will be accomplished. I must not forget to mention that while holding our meetings in the interior we were ably assisted by Mr. Donald Graham, M.P.P. We found this gentleman has a fine farm and orchard, and I am happy to say most of our local legislature are farmers as well as fruit growers, and I sincerely hope they will join our association, for they are the representative men that we want in the association as well as in our legislative halls.

This association has assisted at most of our local fairs at a considerable expense to the association, all those acting as judges giving their time and only receiving their actual expenses paid out, but with so many fairs it amounts to quite a round sum. All these fairs are quite a heavy tax on the resources of the association, especially as new fairs are coming into existence every year. Now the question actually arises, are there not too many small fairs, and would it not advertise the resources of the province to a better advantage to reduce the number and put all the produce and energy in the main fairs of Victoria and Nanaimo for Vancouver Island; on the lower mainland, New Westminster and Chilliwack. Of course they can and have the right to hold as many fairs as they like, but which is the best for the province? I think this question is open for discussion.

Now take the Interior. Ashcroft is the first, 200 miles from New Westminster; then Kamloops, 50 miles further on; Vernon, 100 miles from Kamloops, and Kelowna, 70 to 90 miles further, or four fairs in over 400 miles. No one can say there are too many on the best land in the province for fruit culture, and yet when we are expected to send judges so far, it is too expensive, especially when there is not a member except myself in the Interior. I feel assured, however, we will have many new members this year if we only use energy, which, I must say, has not been done in the past if the list of members is any criterion to go by. At our meeting at Agassiz it was agreed that we should accept the invitation given us through J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, by the managers of the Spokane fair to join them with the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. A committee was appointed to collect exhibits from all parts of the province, and all was going on well as we could wish when unfortunately the operators' strike on the C.P.R. cut off all communication and the consequences were that of all the fine fruit grown in the interior only one fair-sized exhibit reached Spokane. This was disastrous for us, but something that could not be foreseen. With this great disadvantage we came out with honors, which this splendid trophy will attest, and all British Columbia can feel proud of and wonder what we would have had, provided all our exhibits had reached Spokane in time. Mr. Hutcherson will give us his report of the fair.

It has been suggested that Mr. Thos. A. Sharpe, of the experimental farm, and R. M. Palmer, inspector, be appointed honorary members of this association with full membership privileges for life. This I heartily endorse, and consider the honor will be with the association.

I also hope this society will see the propriety of passing a resolution against any reduction on agricultural products, for the Americans, as the tariff now stands, have the best of us so far as the Kootenays are concerned, and they always have had in furnishing our coast cities and surrounding localities. I think we should keep up the committee on transportation. I am happy to say the C. P. R. have seen the propriety of reducing the freight rates on produce for the mines and sincerely trust they soon will reduce the passenger rate to 3c. per mile, when by the increased travel they will make at least twice as much as they do now. When we get a competing road from the coast to the mines we will come out all right. If the government assist the road it is to be hoped they will insert a clause reserving the right to legislate as to freight and passenger rates, or if not build and operate the road themselves.

Now, gentlemen, in conclusion, I will mention the Board of Horticulture, consisting of five members, and a grant of $1,000 to work with. Surely the board cannot do much on this—just merely routine work.

I regret to say it has been maliciously reported that the board was to absorb the annual grant of the Fruitgrowers' Association, if not the association itself. Let me here say there is not one particle of truth in all this; nor is there the least cause to believe it. In my opinion it was started to create jealousy and trouble between the association and members of the Board of Horticulture. As president of the association and member of the Board of Horticulture I certainly am in a position to know the facts in this case, and I know what I here state is true; the board is no way wishes to interfere with the association, but as they are working on the same lines, for the benefit of the province they should work in harmony. The board is bound to try to protect the interests of the fruit grower. At the present time our orchards are comparatively free from insect pests, such as the codlin moth, San Jose scale, and in the interior the woolly aphis also. Now, the simple questiyn arises, are the horticultural interests of this province worth protecting? If they are we must enforce the rules at once, and in order to do so the sum of at least $2,000 should be placed in the estimates and the rules strictly enforced for the better protection of the fruit grower. If this is not done at once we may soon expect to have our clean orchards infested with all the insect pests that are found in California and the East.

Gentlemen, in conclusion, I would say that I have had letters from C. B. Har-

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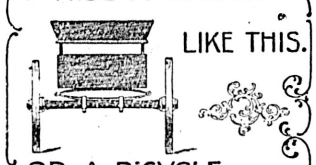

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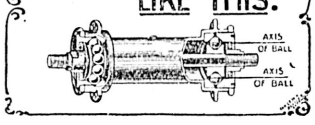

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Victoria, B.C.,
Notary Public.

Victoria, B.C., January 23rd, 1897. ja26

NOTICE.

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By kind permission of His Worship the Mayor, the meeting of the Dairyman's Association will take place on Thursday, the 28th inst., and of the Fruit Growers' Association on Friday and Saturday the 29th and 30th inst., at the Council Chamber of the City Hall, in this city. Free return fares will be granted by the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company from the 27th to 31st inclusive, on certificates of attendance signed by either of the Secretaries, being presented.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED.

Victoria, 22nd January, 1897. ja23

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Vancouver's New Council—Chinese Lottery Man Fined—Pythian Vice-Grand Chancellor.

River Steamers in Winter Quarters—B. C. Fruit Exchange—Rich Mineral Near Nanaimo.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 29.—The case of the Chinese lottery was taken up yesterday before Police Magistrate Russell. Two Japanese were called as witnesses and as a result a Chinaman named Kew was fined $20. Nineteen dollars found in the gambling den were also confiscated.

Mayor Templeton found himself in a minority of one at yesterday's meeting of the city council, he being the one to vote in favor of abolishing property qualifications for mayor and aldermen. The result of the vote is rather curious as the Mayor was elected on a radical policy which brought this question well to the front, and several of the aldermen previously pledged in the same direction last night changed their front. The council also resolved not to abolish the contract system in municipal work and declined to establish an eight hour day system. It was further resolved in opposition to the Mayor that there be no further reduction made in the city's taxation of improvements. The labor party and reform leaders who triumphantly carried Mayor Templeton's election now regret that a full ticket of aldermen was not endorsed by them to run on Templeton lines.

T. W. Holland, of Toronto, has arrived in Vancouver to take the position of general manager for the province of the Dominion Loan Society, vice J. McQuillan, resigned.

Captain Murray Thain, harbormaster, has been retired by the government at Ottawa, and the place given to Captain Malcolm McLeod.

No. 6 company of the Fifth are to be measured for new uniforms at once.

E. A. Rand, of New Westminster, was in town to-day. Arthur Rand and Athabasca are synonymous terms hereabouts, so that Mr. Rand was plied with questions about this famous mine. Mr. Rand says that everything is satisfactory, that their anticipations are being more than realized, which is generally conceded by those who have given the company's affairs close attention, and which has been illustrated by the firmness of the stock in Westminster and Vancouver, not a share of which can be purchased below the market price by the very large number of holders.

C. F. Foreman has been awarded the contract by the city council for supplying the city with general groceries during the year.

T. E. Atkins has moved into his very handsome new store, on the corner of Homer and Hastings streets.

Messrs. Dunlap, Cook & Co.—J. Sheasgreen, manager—have moved into a commodious, handsome and well-appointed store on Hastings street.

M. J. E. Evans has been appointed vice-grand chancellor of the order of Knights of Pythias of British Columbia, owing to the resignation of Mr. Dowling, of Vancouver.

The adjourned meeting of the Fanny Bay Mining Company, whose property is situated on Phillips' arm, was held yesterday and the old directors elected. It was reported that the richest leads keep up an average of $120.

There is considerable mining excitement. Stocks are not being sold, but ground floor propositions are being eagerly looked for, and the numerous reports of rich finds keep up a keen interest. The Harrison Lake camp is the latest point of interest. The chief claims are what are known as the Tretheway claims, owned by the Tretheway family. The Tretheways say that the claims are so rich that, with a few hundred dollars, they can be worked to advantage from the start, so that they are not going to stock their valuable finds. The veins run four and five feet in width and are rich in silver. On the other side of the lake are three claims with veins about three feet wide, which from indications will converge into one. The rock was assayed by Pellew-Harvey yesterday. It was but a small piece of blue rock, about the size of the palm of a man's hand, so that it could scarcely be called a fair sample. However there was no gold in sight, and it looked a very ordinary piece of rock. The assay certificate read $404 to the ton, chiefly silver. The owner claims that he did not pick the specimen but that the entire vein is the same, and that Harrison Lake is about to have a tremendous boom. There are a large number of claims in the camp and the assays all run high.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Jan. 29.—Various river steamers have gone into winter quarters until the breaking up of the ice in the lower Fraser; meanwhile a rapid thaw is commencing.

The B.C. Fruit Exchange held its annual meeting at Mission on Wednesday. The president, Mr. G. W. Henry, resigned and Mr. E. Hutcherson, of Ladners, was appointed in his stead.

ROSSLAND.

(From the Rossland Miner.)

A good deal of attention is at present being paid to the claims on Record mountain, and it would seem as if some good properties would be opened up there during the coming season.

It is rumored that parties holding interests and liens on the Volcanic property will enjoin the company from working when the time comes.

Hon. D. W. Higgins, Speaker of the House in the Provincial Legislature, is at the head of the gas company which proposes to establish a big plant at Trail and to supply gas for lighting purposes and as fuel for gas engines at the mines. Michael Sanford, the engineer of the proposed plant, is in town taking a general survey of the situation. He says the plant will undoubtedly be established. It will cost between $70,000 and $80,000. The site in view is a part of the ground south of Trail.

Work progresses finely on the Minnie property, where it is reported they have 10 feet of solid ore between walls. The Minnie is located near the Wolverine mine, and is owned by Dr. A. G. Averill and others, of Grand Forks. A 100-foot shaft is being sunk on the property by contract.

G. Jeldness climbed to the summit of Red mountain and made a trial run on his skis from the point where the St. Elmo ledge crosses the shoulder of the mountain near its apex to the St. Lawrence hotel. The trip occupied seven minutes, the distance being about a mile and a half. By making the run to the Le Roi compressor, on the Black Bear, Mr. Jeldness thinks he could make the distance in half the time.

Much interest is being aroused among mining men in the camp by the high assays from the Monita shaft. An assay made by the chemist of the City of Spokane last Monday showed five and one-half ounces of gold and 24 ounces of silver, a total value of $125 per ton. An assay made yesterday by John R. Cook showed $85 in gold and silver. Others made previously were $41 and $49 in gold.

The recent strike in the R. Bell is of greater importance than at first supposed The ore is a fine-grained iron pyrites, through which is scattered a fine sulphide rich in copper and gold.

A new feature in mining interests has recently been developed at Grand Forks, and that is some of the finest placer bars and channel diggings that have yet been found. On Fourth of July creek, three miles west of Grand Forks, a number of practical miners have been running an open cut in the gulch to reach a bedrock level and are reported to have found gravel that pans well, six feet above bedrock. It is coarse and appears in the form of a slab and sheet gold. There are also several bars upon the North Fork reported to be good enough for a fair day's pay by ground sluicing.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Jan. 29.—Thomas Hunter and William Sheppard, of this city, have returned from Sansome Narrows, about half way between Victoria and this city, where they relocated a claim which had been abandoned by Mr. Samuel Fiddick, then of this city, over 32 years ago. They found a shaft 8x7 feet which had been sunk to a depth of 32 feet. Messrs. Turner and Sheppard found that the timbering of the shaft had become rotten, and the shaft partly filled with rubbish and water. They at once commenced the work of clearing out the shaft, and retimbering it. On clearing out the shaft they found at the bottom the rock which had been blown out by the last shot by the original prospector. Experts who have examined it pronounce it one of the finest prospects of quartz rock yet discovered on this island, being rich in gold, silver and copper. The ledge rises from the water, and can be traced on the surface for a greater distance than 1,500 feet. The claim is recorded as the "London," and is most favorably located, being contiguous to deep water.

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Change of Time.

Beginning Monday, January 4th, the steamer Rosalie will, until further notice, change her time of leaving Victoria to 7:30 a.m. daily except Sunday's. This alteration will enable passengers to reach Seattle at 2:30 every afternoon except Sunday's. Returning, she will leave Seattle daily except Saturday's, at 9:30 p.m.

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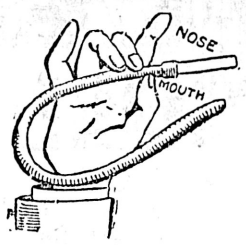

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All debts owing to the said estate are to be paid, and all claims against the said estate are to be presented duly verified, to the undersigned.

Dated this 24th day of November, 1896.

SAMUEL D. SCHULTZ,
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The numbers of the drawn debentures will be duly advertised for the information of the holders thereof. F. W. VINCENT, Secretary.

Wharf Street, Victoria, January 9th 1897. ja12

In the Matter of the Land Registry Act,

And in the Matter of the Title to Lot 994, in the City of Victoria.

Notice is hereby given that Gustav Sutro will be registered as the owner in fee of the above mentioned lot at the expiration of three calendar months from this date if no objection be made to the contrary within that time by some person claiming title to the same.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General of Titles.

Land Registry Office, Victoria,
January 19th, 1897. ja19

Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, at its next sitting, for the passage of an act to incorporate a Company to be called "The Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company," to construct, equip and operate a line of railway from some point on Burrard Inlet or English Bay to New Westminster; thence eastward through the valley of the Fraser River and the southern part of British Columbia, by the most direct and feasible route, to the Town of Rossland, with power to amalgamate with, lease, purchase or otherwise acquire the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway Company, or any railway, or portion of a railway, either as a branch of or part of such main line; to build a branch line or lines from the City of New Westminster to some point on the coast line between the International Boundary Line and Point Garry, and such other branch lines as may be deemed advisable; to construct and maintain steamers, ferries, wharves and docks; to make traffic and operating arrangements with other railway lines, and to construct, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines for other than railway purposes.

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Takes effect December 24th, 1896.

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For Moresby and Pender Islands—Friday at o'clock.

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For Plumper Pass—Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

For Pender and Moresby Islands—Thursday at o'clock.

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For Tacoma	8:20 a.m
For Tacoma	12:20 p.m.
For Tacoma	6:00 p.m.

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From Spokane, St. Paul and East	2:30 p.m.
From Portland	8:20 p.m.
*From Olympia	8:20 p.m.
*From Gray's H. and S. Bend	8:20 p.m.
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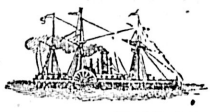

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MINERS' LICENCES.

The question of miners' licences is much discussed just now, and some difference of opinion appears to exist regarding them. The forthcoming session of the legislature can hardly pass without action of some kind in regard to them being taken, or at least proposed, and it is desirable, therefore, that there should be as free an expression of views as to what it is expedient to do in the way of making changes, if any such, on consideration, shall be found advisable We do not understand the provincial government to be at all committed to the present system, which has been handed down from the days when placer mining was the only method pursued in seeking for gold within the province, and silver mining had not been heard of. It goes without saying that a system which was entirely equitable in the days of placer mining may not be applicable to the conditions which have arisen during the last few years. We have reason to believe that the members of the government appreciate this fact quite as well as anyone else, and that they are as desirous as any one can be to devise a plan which will secure to the province as much revenue as the mining interest can reasonably be asked to contribute, and will distribute the payment in a manner that will do justice to all parties who will be called upon to make it.

A number of suggestions have been made as to how the law should be amended, and they all have more or less merit. It must be remembered in discussing this matter that there is really no abstract principle of right or wrong involved in it. How a revenue can be best raised is simply a question of expediency in any case. More than one of our mainland contemporaries has pointed out what seems on the face of it to be an injustice in requiring a man, simply because he works in a gold or silver mine, perhaps only as a teamster or a carpenter, to take out a miner's licence. On the other hand it is alleged that such people are in many cases residents of the State of Washington, who come here without their families and send most of their earnings out of the country. As every such person deprives a Canadian of a chance to work, and as the Canadian would spend all his earnings in Canada and thus contribute his quota to the revenue of the Dominion, while his family would swell the per-capita allowance which the province receives from the federal treasury, it is right that the foreigner should pay something towards the maintenance of the government of the country where he earns his living. The miners' licence was not designed to cover such cases, and its imposition specifically to cover them could hardly be defended, and yet if the foreign workmen who comes to this country, works in a mine and sends his money abroad to his family, is to be exempt from the miners' licence, it seems as if he ought to be required to contribute his quota to the provincial revenue in some other way. Every dollar's taxation of which the non-domiciled workman is relieved must be added to the taxes of the resident taxpayers. The COLONIST is simply expressing its own views in saying that the necessity of granting relief to these people has yet to be shown, and it is not very sure that they will not meet with approval of most of the very people referred to. Many of the American residents of this province gladly pay the small amount asked of them, so well are they satisfied with the manner in which the country is opened by roads and trails, and in which justice is administered.

The suggestion has been made that mining companies, whether foreign or domestic, should be required to pay annually a substantial licence, in order to acquire a legal status in the province. This is a perfectly legitimate source of revenue. There are hundreds of such companies doing business or preparing to do business in this province. If a licence fee of, say, $100 annually were exacted, it would not be regarded as worthy of a second thought by a company of any standing, and any company that could not afford to pay it would not be entitled to consideration. Perhaps with such a charge on the company it might be well to relieve the employees of a mine of the necessity for taking out miner's licences, unless they desired to prospect or own claims in their own name, and in such case to grade the company's tax in proportion to the number of men employed.

We offer these matters as subjects for discussion, premising, so as to avoid all misunderstanding, that the views expressed are simply those of this paper, and as such are advanced tentatively and as a contribution to the more thorough understanding of an important question. So great are the demands of the people for public improvements that every proper means of increasing the revenue, without entailing burdensome taxation, must be looked into.

A DISTURBED CONTINENT.

The "sister republic" of Venezuela, as our Southern neighbors like to call it, is in a very bad way. Crespo, the president, is simply a dictator and he rules with a rod of iron. "It is only fear," says the Associated Press correspondent at Caraccas, "that keeps the people from rising in a bloody revolution, and how much longer this will restrain them no one can say." Meanwhile business is almost at a standstill and property rights of all kinds are in jeopardy. Word comes from Uruguay that the Indians of that state and on the border between Brazil and Argentine are preparing for an uprising. Not many months ago a report was sent out from the interior of Peru that there was imminent danger of an Indian outbreak there. The truth of the matter is that all South America, with the exception of Chili, Argentine and Guiana, is in a condition which may at any time eventuate in confusion. The Indians of South America have never been subdued as our Northern Indians have been. Whether it was because they were a more vigorous race or because the Spanish and Portuguese conquerors were more content than the Anglo-Saxon to live and let live after the first conflict was over, the fact remains that the Indian element of the South American population may at any time assert itself after a manner that will recall the historic renaissances of conquered races.

It is impossible to read without admiration the accounts of some of the aboriginal races of South America. In some respects they were superior to their conquerors, and just as the children of Israel remained subject to the Pharaohs until a leader "skilled in all the learning of the Egyptians" came to the front and led them out to found a new nation, so it is by no means inconceivable that some leader of the aboriginal people of South America may turn against their conquerors the appliances of civilization, and establish a new empire in the vast and little known interior of the Southern continent. Peruvian traditions have it that even now in the remote valleys of the Eastern Andes the nucleus of such an empire now exists, maintained by the descendants of a fortunate few, who escaped the sword when Pizarro and his fellow butchers laid waste the empire of the Incas. The theme is at least an attractive one, and there is a good deal of fragmentary literature touching upon it.

ACCORDING to the Times of January 23 the government some time during the last session "agreed" to "appoint immediately" three commissioners to revise the statutes. By the same authority under date of January 27, what happened was that "the government led the house to understand that immediately after prorogation the work would be placed in the hands of three commissioners." Last night it told us that "Premier Turner hinted that the government was about to substitute three commissioners for one in the revision." This latter statement our contemporary says is "the fact." Would it not have been well to have told "the fact" in the first place? But the Times must sing a little smaller still. Not only did the government not "agree" or "lead the house to understand" anything of the sort, but Premier Turner did not even give the "hint" suggested. Why does not the Times own up that it has mixed up the gossip of the lobby with the proceedings of the house?

REFERRING to the claim that pelagic sealing will lead to the extermination of the Pribyloff herds, Mr. Gerald Barrett Hamilton, who has investigated the matter on the grounds, says a census of the Pribyloff seals taken last summer shows there were 143,000 females on the islands. There were about 11,000 dead pups, that had been killed by overcrowding, and later on in the season about 10,000 more died; but that the death of the latter was due to their dams being killed sixty miles off shore was by no means established.

FUNG CHING, a San Francisco Chinaman, better known as Little Pete, was murdered the other day apparently by direction of the See Yup Society. Word was sent to Pekin and thereupon the Emperor ordered the arrest of every immediate relative of the president and secretary of the American branch of the order. The spectacle of the Chinese government undertaking to inflict punishment for a murder in America is edifying. Perhaps the Emperor has been reading about the Durrant case.

POLITICAL circles in the state of Washington are badly torn up over a published statement of Dr. G. V. Calhoun that two members of the legislature, whom he names, offered to sell their votes to Senator Squire. Dr. Calhoun, who is one of the oldest residents of the Sound country, and a gentleman of unblemished reputation, makes his charge with full particulars of time, place and circumstances. There will probably be an investigation.

THE plan proposed by the Chairman of the Park Committee for the summer's work seems reasonable. Of all the attractions of this very attractive city, the Park takes the first place, and the taxpayers will not begrudge any moderate outlay to improve its appearance.

MURAT HALSTEAD wants the United States to acquire Greenland, which leads the Ottawa Journal to suggest that Canada should buy it before Uncle Sam gets the chance. Has anybody been discovering gold on Greenland?

THE CANADIAN PRESS.

THE TAX ON MORTGAGES.

The opposition will still continue its efforts to have the obnoxious tax on mortgages abolished or, at least, that the manner in which it is now levied shall be materially changed. No one objects to the proposition that capital invested in mortgages shall contribute its share to the provincial revenue just as it would do if invested in some other form of securities. But what the opposition objects to is that under the present system the government compels the owner of property mortgaged to pay taxes on the full amount at which that property is assessed, and also on the amount of the mortgage which may be upon it.—News-Advertiser.

OUR ISLAND MINES.

The fact of a claim being within the railway belt is no practicable hindrance to its successful and profitable development by the locators. For not only is the company prepared to give most liberal terms to locators, but have expressed their willingness to give material assistance when the indications will justify the investment.—Nanaimo Free Press.

A PREDICTION.

The tremendous mining activity in the Kootenay, at Alberni, Texada, Jervis Inlet, and followed as this is sure to be in Cariboo and other portions of the province, will result in doubling our present population by 1900.—Comox News.

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

"The leading lady seems to have something on her mind."

"Yes, her divorce trial and the matinee are set for the same hour, and she is wondering which she will give to her understudy."—Detroit Journal.

"I think that it is just too horrid for anything," said Maud. "Here I've been looking over the side of the vessel for half an hour and can't see it."

"See what my dear?" asked Ruby.

"Why, the equator. The captain said we were crossing it."—Tit-Bits.

"What's the superlative of chic? Chickest?" "What's the matter with Chicago?"—Detroit Journal.

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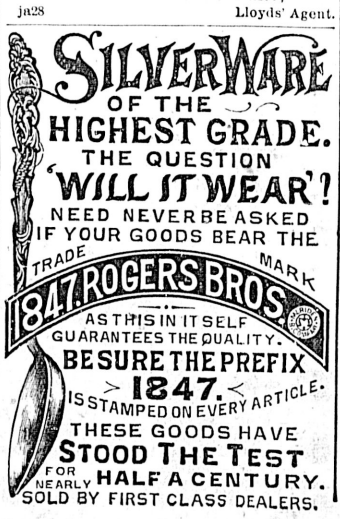

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All that piece or parcel of land situate in Victoria District, British Columbia, and known as Subdivision C, Lot two (2), and Subdivision C, Lot three (3), Section thirty-seven (XXXVII) in said district, according to a map or plan deposited in the Land Registry Office, Victoria, and numbered 225, containing thirty-five (35) acres, more or less, known as

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The Sealing Schooners Viva and Beatrice

Will be offered for sale at Public Auction by the undersigned, at his office, Bastion street, Victoria, on

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The Schooner Viva is 92 tons, coppered, and will be sold with her boats and sails.
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Victoria Building Society.

The Annual General Meeting of the above Society will be held at Sir William Wallace Society Hall, Broad street, on Saturday, the 30th of January, 1897, at 8 p.m., for the following business:

To receive the directors' and auditors' report, also the secretary's report and balance sheet, and such other business as may be brought before the meeting, election of officers and board of management, and the 56th drawing for an appropriation. By order.

ja21 A. ST. G. FLINT, Secretary.

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AUCTION SALES.

Feb. 4—Farm property. Joshua Davies.

THE CITY.

THE steam colliers Costa Rica and Peter Jebsen passed up from sea yesterday.

REV. FATHER ALTHOFF yesterday performed the ceremony that made Miss Ella Brown Mrs. John Aiken. The bride is a daughter of Mr. George Brown of Beecher Bay.

THURSDAY'S mail from the Mainland cities was brought down from Nanaimo by train yesterday, having been sent to the Coal City as soon as it was announced that the usual trip of the Islander had been cancelled.

ALD. PARTRIDGE has a notice on the bulletin board at the city hall, to the effect that the owner of the Chinatown shack in which the fire occurred Thursday morning be instructed to remove the charred frame of the building forthwith.

AN attraction for the fruit growers today will be a spraying contest to test the the different apparatus for the purpose at Mr. Munro Miller's farm, Cedar Hill. The hour set for the test is two o'clock, and there is likely to be a good attendance.

AT the last examination of the Law Society of British Columbia Messrs. J. R. Grant and E. C. Senkler passed satisfactory final examinations for call and admission to the bar, and Messrs. A. C. Anderson and B. P. Wintermute were the successful intermediate candidates.

THE mortal remains of the late Miss Barber were laid at rest in Ross Bay cemetery yesterday afternoon, the pallbearers being Messrs. R. Clarke, F. Foster, F. Hewlings, J. Lesuer, W. J. Barber and W. W. Barber. The funeral services were conducted by the Christian Brethern.

DIRECT train service on the E. & N. railway was resumed yesterday, when passengers up and down had opportunity to casually examine the new trestles. They are a great improvement upon the old structures, and for stability and good workmanship are on a par with the grading of the Island road.

STEAM issuing from some damp sand which covered a boiler in the rear of J. A. Lawrence's candy factory on Government street was mistaken for smoke yesterday afternoon and was the occasion of the fire department turning out at 3 o'clock. The scene of the excitement was in Trounce alley, where the deceptive vapor ascended between the walls of the factory and the telegraph office, finding an outlet above the buildings.

MANY entries of spraying machines have been received for the exhibition to be held this afternoon at Mr. Munroe Miller's orchard on the Cedar Hill road, under the auspices of the Victoria District Fruit Growers' Association. The display is the first of the kind attempted in this part of the country, and it is to be expected that a large number of the delegates attending the provincial fruit growers' meeting, now in progress, will make it a point to be present.

THE Post-Intelligencer intends to publish in book form the letters on the mining districts of Washington and British Columbia which Mr. L. K. Hodges contributed to its columns as the result of his six months' tour last summer. The book will contain 160 pages and 21 maps, one of them being a large map of Washington and British Columbia, with all the lines of communication including trails, etc., shown upon it. Mr. Hodges is admirably fitted to prepare a work of this class and it is sure to be a book of great value.

FOR the prominade concert at the drill hall this evening, Bandmaster Finn of the Fifth Regiment has prepared the appended attractive programme: March, "Pride of the Navy," Major C. Hunt; overture, "Orpheus," Offenbach; selection from "Little Christopher Columbus," Kerker; waltzes, "Venus Reigen," Gungl; selection from "Faust," Gounod; caprice, "Simplicity," Moses; song and dance, "The Coon Wedding," Finn; song for cornet, "Baby," Kerker; medley selection, "A Kight Off," Boetger.

Bass' XXXX on draught at the Occidental x

We have some real nice "bed comforters" and a stock of good blankets that cannot be beaten. Weiler Bros. x

THE Philharmonic Club have a social and dance next Wednesday evening.

ILLUSTRATIVE body-building exercises will be the special feature at the Y.M.C.A. popular concert this evening.

THE sale of seats for the second concert to be given in this city by Madame Albani and her famous company, opens on Monday morning next at 9 o'clock.

A LETTER received last night from Salmo states that J. Brown has struck free milling ore on the east side of the north fork of the Salmon river, and that the Big Duck claim has also struck free milling ore with gold plainly visible. This company has had a casual sample of their ore assayed by Mr. Woodhouse, of Rossland, a return being had of $40.67.

THE possibility of the Behring sea claims commission going to San Francisco has been renewed by the question being raised as to whether the values of seal skins were fixed in the London or San Francisco markets during the years for which claims are made. A number of witnesses were yesterday examined principally on the question of value of skins, and should it be decided not to go to San Francisco, the commission has very little to do now in clearing up the ends of evidence that are left.

MR. E. A. WADHAMS, the canner from Blaine, Wash., registered at the Driard last evening, and will await the sailing of the next Northern bound steamer, by which he goes to Rivers Inlet, where he will examine a property that he has already purchased as a cannery site. Here he proposes to erect a cannery, if he finds everything suitable, and commence construction in plenty of time for spring operations. If he builds he will erect nothing but a modern plant, of a capacity of 30,000 cases.

"ROSSLAND is the most law-abiding town on the Coast," said John Kirkup, chief of police in that place, at the Oriental last evening. The chief had just brought down to New Westminster two prisoners sentenced to two years' imprisonment on the charge of assault. "not a banking game is run in the town," he continued, "and there is only one music hall, which is so managed that the most refined could enter and find no objection to their surroundings, except, perhaps, in an overdose of smoke. There are a great many men going into the place, and quoting from reports which I have seen there must to-day be fully forty strangers entering the town daily." The chief is a strong advocate of a central jail in the province, for the last year, he says, he sent fourteen prisoners to New Westminster, costing the Government $30 per head.

SPORTS ARE SACRIFICED.

Snow and Slush Compel the Cancellation of Out-of-Door Attractions Arranged for To-day.

Owing to the unfavorable condition of the grounds and the fact that some members of either team are unable to swim, the Association football match arranged for to-day between the Y.M.C.A.'s and Victoria College is deferred to some more propitious season. The same fate will in all probability befal the championship struggle between the Wanderers and the Barrack's Athletics, in regard to which no official announcement has been made.

The hockey enthusiasts are "by the same token" robbed of their proposed game to-day, and the golfers alone will be permitted to enjoy their favorite pastime. Owing to the rapid thaw the snow has completely disappeared from the links at Oak Bay.

The annual general meeting of the members of the J.B.A.A. is to be held next Thursday evening, when officers will be chosen and plans discussed in connection with the opening season. Incidentally it is not unlikely that something will be said with regard to the proposal to send the senior four East during the approaching summer, to test their strength against the famous four that brought international honors to the prairie capital. This would undoubtedly be a popular move, and the citizens would readily assist to defray the expenses.

Wool plaids; a new line at The White House. Something specially nice for children's wear.

Forty-five watches, American movement: stem wind and stem set; all must go; only $2.75, x

A large stock of enamel ware at Weiler Bros.

Buy air-tight heaters at Cheapside. x

FROM ONE OF MANY PLEASED CUSTOMERS.

The following letter was received by us, addressed to "Only Corner Shoe Store, Victoria, B.C.":

WOODLAND, CAL., JAN. 25, 1897.

ONLY CORNER SHOE STORE, VICTORIA, B.C.:

Dear Sir,—On May 12, '96, I bought a pair of shoes from you as I was on my way to Rossland, B.C. Now I would like to have another pair just the same kind. Enclosed you will find diagram of sole. It's a laced shoe you had. It was made in Montreal. If you have any more like them let me know right away and you can do business with me always.

Yours Respectfully,
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PARK IMPROVEMENT.

Ald. Hall Discusses the Immediate Requirements of the City's Pleasure Ground.

Good Roads and Band Concert the Chief Planks in His Platform.

The city council have not yet reached a conclusion with regard to the proposal of Hon. J. S. Helmcken that the five acres of land forming the Inter-MacTavish estate be added to Beacon Hill park, nor is it likely that a decision will be arrived at for some weeks as the important matter of finance involved requires careful consideration. The special advantage which the property possesses in being at the present time one of the most complete and attractive horticultural gardens in the province is not to be lost sight of, and the terms proposed seem to be generally regarded as exceedingly liberal—so that something may come of the matter before spring is over.

In the meanwhile the letter which Hon. Dr. Helmcken addressed to the Mayor and aldermen has brought the park very prominently before the public, and the question is being asked on every hand, what does the present council propose anyway, in connection with the city's playground?

Is it to be allowed to take care of itself as it practically was last year, or have the new park committee ideas of their own with regard to the further development and accentuation of its undeniable charms?

Ald. John Hall, chairman of the park committee, is naturally looked to for an answer, and without unfolding all the details of the park policy for 1897, he rises to explain that the park will not be neglected. When a member of a former council, it will be remembered, he gave the park his special attention, although not then chairman of the park committee, and now that he has its welfare officially in his keeping, he is not likely to neglect it.

"I do not think the occasion is opportune," he said last evening, "for any elaborate improvement works. While the pinch of hard times is felt it would not be advisable to advocate any special loan for another chapter in the adopted scheme for laying out the park. That would be in the nature of a luxury, and we can do without it at present. On the other hand, however, the park should not by any means be neglected, and all that can be done should be done to increase its attractiveness and add to its beauty.

"The park is one of the best advertisements that the city has or can have. It claims the admiration of every visitor who spends a half day in the city, and if these passing guests carry away with them pleasant recollections of its picturesque beauty, its well laid out drives, and its well kept lakes and lawns—why surely that is good interest on the small investment required to keep it in good order?

"If we cannot at present complete the public flower gardens that we all want to see sometime, we can at least keep the drives in good condition, free from stones and holes. We can, too, at very small expense, have neat little guard fences placed around the miniature lakes to prevent the breaking in of the banks; we can adopt more vigorous measures to keep the dogs out, and so save the young swans that are such a delight to the little folk; we can see that the boys who go in for athletic sports have plenty of room and fair fields in which to develop skill and muscle; we can keep in repair the rustic seats and benches so that the workingman as well as the millionaire may enjoy the summer evening at his ease and in comfort, feeling that he has some interest in the city and that that interest is not overlooked by the authorities.

"These are all little things in themselves, but together they become important. It's not a little thing that the people have the prettiest pleasure ground on the coast, or that visitors to the city form a good opinion of Victoria from its park.

"At the present time one man is expected to do everything in connection with the park—and of course he cannot do it. With a single helper he would be able to render effective and efficient service, and the cost in proportion to the results would be insignificant. I am in favor, therefore, of an assistant parkkeeper being employed all through the summer. He might very easily be made a special constable and render good service in preserving order and preventing fast driving, as a correspondent in the COLONIST suggested a few days ago.

"Then, too, we should have the band concerts. When there was music as an attraction a few years ago thousands made it a point to spend their Sunday afternoons at the park and enjoyed themselves thoroughly. When, last year, there was music at Oak Bay and none at the park, the crowds went to Oak Bay and the city's pleasure ground was neglected. If a majority agree that music is not good for a man on the Sunday—though personally I cannot coincide with them—why, have the concerts on the Saturday. But have them, and have them often. The expense is not great, and the enjoyment that the citizens derive from the investment is fully worth the money. Besides, it's our own people who get the coin. The band is a local institution, of which the city has every reason to be proud, and we should be ready to show our appreciation of it by contributing something toward keeping it up to its present high standard. The Fifth Regiment band, like the park, is a good advertisement of the city. And being a good thing, it behooves us to push it along."

To summarize—the chairman of the park committee will advocate the appointment of an assistant for the parkkeeper, the improvement of the park drives for the bicyclists, and band concerts throughout the summer months. And for these he will ask that suitable provision be made in the estimates.

The public will undoubtedly support the application.

In reference to the policing of the park last year, no complaint can be made. On the other hand, the officer who had this detail, Constable Gilchrist did much to win favorable mention for the city from tourists who visited the city. Not only did he prepare himself to explain satisfactorily everything that strangers might naturally seek information upon, local geography especially, but he provided himself with an assortment of tools in general use for the treatment of sick and afflicted bicycles—and when an unfortunate wheelman or wheelwoman discovered a puncture in a tire or other similar cause for grief—it was the policeman who restored the sunshine to the afternoon.

Of course it wasn't so very much for him to do, but his services went a long way toward impressing visiting wheelmen with the fact that Victoria is the best place on the continent.

"That policeman who fixed up my tire for me," wrote back a San Franciscan who had met him, "knows his business from the ground up. I have been telling the boys here about him, and any time that he comes to the city—why the town is his."

PASSED FOR PAYMENT.

Waterworks Contractors Receive Seventy-Five Per Cent. of Their Claim for Extras.

Waterworks matters were discussed at considerable length by the city council at a special morning meeting yesterday, attended by all members of the board save Ald. Wilson. The contractors' bill for "extras" formed the subject of a report from the finance committee, and in this connection—upwards of $25,000 remaining in the hands of the council as security for the proper completion of the contract—it was decided by resolution that

"In regard to the contract between Messrs. Walkely, King & Casey and the corporation, for the execution of waterworks improvement works at Beaver lake, that they be paid 75 per cent. of the amount which both parties—the contractors and the corporation—have settled upon and agreed that the contractors were entitled to for "extras"—viz., $6,399.48.

The annual loan by-law making provision for the funds required to carry on the business of the city until the estimates shall have been passed, was also advanced to its final stage; and a formal resolution providing for the payment of the January salary list, was adopted without debate.

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THE FRUIT GROWERS.

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ris, of Salmon Arm. That gentleman assures me that he has, with A. J. Palmer, inspected quite a number of orchards in his vicinity and they are all right. I also have a letter from Donald Graham, M.P.P., Armstrong. He also tells me the trees came through all right. I also wrote to Mr. Ricardo, Vernon, and James Crosier, of Kelowna. I have had no reply, so I think their trees must have come through safely. All this goes to prove that in the great valleys of the Shuswap, Spallumcheen and Okanagan, where the frost comes early and prepares the trees for winter, that here is the place for the fruit grower, where good mines are being discovered every day. I consider this is the safety belt. And here is where there are vast quantities of fine fruit lands, where the very best kind of fruit can be grown. Now, gentlemen, I thank you for your very kind attention.

The relation of the association and the fruit exchanges came up in the discussion that followed, Mr. Hutcherson pointing out that the efforts to unite the local exchanges into one central one had worked very well.

Mr. H. Kipp, of Chilliwack, referring to the Board of Horticulture, asked that the fruit growers would co-operate, and this was supported by the president, who pointed out that the farmers must be united in helping the exchange, so as to get a market for the fruit and to avoid the cutting of prices.

Mr. Munro Miller wanted to know if the exchange fixed the price of fruit, for otherwise he did not think it would work to the best advantage.

Mr. Renouf and Mr. A. C. Wells maintained that all the exchange could do was to prevent the market being glutted in one place, by distributing the fruit where it could be disposed of to the best advantage.

It was not for the purpose of getting an exorbitant price, said the president, that the exchange was formed, but to point out an outlet when men had fruit to sell. Other members took part in the discussion, it being observed by Mr. R. M. Palmer and Mr. Hutcherson that the Exchange did really to some extent control the markets of the Northwest as far as Brandon, for that far east, British Columbia supplied all the fruit. At Winnipeg, however, they came in competition with other fruit, and that produced a different condition of affairs.

A matter pertinent to the discussion was brought up in a letter which Mr. J. R. Anderson read from Mr. D. C. Webber, of Yale, complaining of discrimination by the C.P.R. in favor of the Ontario shipper as against the British Columbia fruit-grower. Mr. Webber wrote that that he had found that Ontario shippers had been allowed to distribute apples from carloads at all stations, from North Bend to Donald, and that the rates of freight on apples from Yale and Agassiz to Donald is $30 a ton. Consequently he had lost the market which he had had the year before for his apples. Mr. Anderson said he had replied that he had not known of fruit being distributed as Mr. Webber had said. The president, too, remarked that the question was an important one and should be looked into.

Futher discussion on the fruit exchange was deferred till to-day, in the absence of Mr. Henry, of Agassiz, manager of the fruit exchange.

As a mark of appreciation of Mr. Sharp, of the Dominion Experimental farm, Agassiz, and Mr. R. M. Palmer, provincial inspector of fruit pests, Mr. A. C. Wells moved, and Mr. E. Hutcherson seconded, that they be elected honorary life members of the association. This was carried by a standing vote, and Mr. Palmer, in returning thanks, said it would always be his plesure to forward the interests of the association.

Mr. E. Hutcherson moved that a committee of three be appointed to draft a resolution to the Minister of Agriculture on the tariff question. He was a protectionist himself, but he would like to get the views of the other members.

Mr. A. C. Wells in seconding the resolution said that just as soon as the tariff wall was thrown down British Columbia could be flooded with produce from the United States side. It was a case of life and death to the farmers here. He pointed out that the farmers on the United States side were in a condition where they could not get good prices at home, and if British Columbia was opened to them they, the farmers here, would be ruined.

Mr. M. Miller remarked that the condition of the country now were such that no party in power would dare to trifle with the customs duties.

Mr. D. Stephens, Mr. Munro Miller and Mr. H. Kipp were named as the committee, and the president declared that the resolution was of the greatest importance to the farmers.

Mr. E. Hutcherson suggested that some information should be given to the farmers in the upper country as to the best trees to plant to replace those lost in the cold snap last November.

Mr. Palmer agreed with this, and moved, seconded by Mr. Hutcherson, that a committee be appointed to collect information in regard to the varieties of fruit found to succeed in the various districts of the province, with a view to publishing the names for the information of fruit growers, and that the committee be instructed to collect such information regarding the injury done to fruit trees by the cold snap in November, and as to such varieties as have passed through without injury.

The President next brought up the subject of spraying. He mentioned instances where the efforts of one man to keep his orchards free of pests had been futile, as his neighbors had neglected to look after their trees. He would like the association to back up the horticultural board in their efforts to keep down the insect pests and diseases of trees.

Mr. Grant thoroughly agreed with the president, and Mr. J. R. Anderson remarked that the law regarding spraying could be enforced, but the board had a great deal of trouble in making people see the necessity of it.

Mr. Ohlsen, for the Horticultural Board, said that unless they were backed up by the fruit growers they would find it difficut to enforce spraying.

The President had a little to say about the matter. There had been a good deal of jealousy against the Horticultural Board and they had been styled "Five dollars a day men." He wanted them to understand that as a member of the board he was out of pocket and it was unreasoning jealousy to say that any member of the board made money out of it. It all resolved itself into the fact that the fruit growers must back up the board. An expression from the association would be of weight with the legislature and perhaps then a bigger appropriation could then be secured for the purposes of the board.

Mr. A. C. Wells spoke strongly against the carelessness of people who endangered other people's orchards because they would not spray. He would like to see people who had orchards forced to spray.

Mr. Todd bore testimony to the good effects of spraying on his own orchard. Of his whole crop last year he had only five boxes out of five hundred that showed any fungus on the apples and that only slightly. The cost of spraying was only 11 cents a tree, and surely that was a satisfactory result.

From his personal knowledge, Mr. D. Stephens said spraying paid. Two years ago 90 per cent. of his Bonne de Jersey pears were diseased; last year, with one application of Bordeux mixture and two of sulphur, he had fully 75 per cent. of his pears clean and marketable.

It was very pleasant, Mr. Palmer said, to hear the general expression in favor of spraying. When spraying was introduced here a few years ago there was a great deal of ignorance on the subject. Now people were becoming educated and the time had come when the law could be enforced. He pointed out, too, that there was a great amount of territory to cover, but when spraying was enforced it would have to be done in a general way and not in isolated cases. They must not, however, underrate the difficulties attached, for some pests, such as tent caterpillars, woolly and green aphis, fed on other trees besides fruit trees, so that it was no small matter to get rid of them.

The most effectual way of having spraying carried out generally was, in Mr. F. S. Sere's opinion, for the government to step in and do the spraying where people neglected it and then charge them up with it.

This discussion resulted in the carrying of a resolutionmoved by Mr. A. C. Wells, seconded by Mr. J. Todd, that in the opinion of the meeting the act relating to fungus diseases and insect pests be now enforced.

The meeting also expressed an opinion as to the advantage of the farmers devoting their attention to a few central fairs instead of holding a numerous succession of little ones. The presidens had broached the subject in his address and Mr. H. Kipp said that was just the way he was going too. It was very commendable perhaps in every place having "get up" enough to want a fair of their own, but there were too many little ones for the present state of the province. Mr. Wells was not in favor of a wholesale slaughter, but he believed that a certain standard should be reached before they got a government grant.

Mr. E. Hutcherson defended the small shows; they were not too numerous, but there were too many poor small shows. If all the small shows were crowded out it would hurt the large ones too. His remedy would be that the government should only grant dollar for dollar what was raised for the show. Then the good shows would remain and where, as at present, some places raised only about $40 or $50 now and depended altogether on the government grant, they would simply be killed off and could not complain.

The question was laid over for further discussion to-day.

HINTS TO FRUITGROWERS.

Advice as to the Best Methods of Planting an Orchard.

At the opening of the evening session Mr. Alexander Campbell, of Mount Tolmie, gave a very practical paper on hints to intending fruitgrowers, and at its conclusion Mr. Campbell was thanked for his paper, which was declared brief and to the point. The hints were six in number:

"1. Nature of the Soil—One of the chief considerations in selecting land, is that of suitability; secure that which is best adapted for growing all the different kinds of fruit that this climate will grow. Such land may best be described as a deep loam with a proportion of sand resting upon a clay bottom. A slight elevation is desirable, because land where dips occur, these low lying spots are subject to spring and summer frosts. Select land with a good natural drainage. This will save you money. Where no natural shelter exists against prevailing winds, a shelter belt or belts ought to be planted.

"2. Location—The nearer you are to a good market will be an advantage patent to you all, and needs not my adding that it will ensure the delivery of fruit in good condition, the saving of time and tear and wear on horse and wagon.

"3. Preparation of Land Before Planting—When draining is necessary, a plan should be drawn out of the drains, so that if in after years one should be required to be lifted for renewal, or other cause, no damage or as little as possible would result to permanent trees. After draining, the land should be plowed and subsoiled to the depth of at least 18 inches.

"4. Variety of Fruit Suitable for Local Market—Here we are brought face to face with the undoubted fact that no man, however varied his experience in other parts of the Dominion or elsewhere, coming into this province can rely upon his past experience to guide him with certainty in selecting the most suitable varietieties of fruit trees, and consequently the most profitable. Now, however, thanks to the government, an experimental farm has been established for the express purpose of gaining definite information on this very point. This society also is doing good work in this matter, collecting as it does information from every source, and by those members who, in their journeys through the province, are year by year finding out the most profitable varieties to plant, so that from these two sources the most reliable information to secure success can be obtained. I may add that these gentlemen, whose duty it is to impart this knowledge, will at all times be pleased, even consider it their privilege, to do all in their power to aid intending growers in their selection of trees. Another important matter in this connection is the proportion of the different varieties of fruit that should be planted for a local market. In my experience, the proportion of apple as against pear trees would be 3 to 1.

"The proportion of plum to cherry trees would be 1½ to 1. Let me try to bring out my point more clearly. Take an orchard for family use; a family is a small community, and a community is a large family. In such an orchard the following trees would appear: Apples, 12; pears, 4 plums, 6; cherries, 4.

"With regard to the planting of small fruits, a safe basis to go upon would be: Strawberries, 1 running yard or 3 plant, yield 1 lb.; raspberries, 1 stool of 5 canes, yield 2½ lbs.; gooseberries, 1 bush, yield 10 lbs.; currants, 1 bush, yield 10 lbs. With good and careful treatment, these quantities can be largely increased; but it is better in trying to give advice to give it on the safe side. Trees from one to two years old are the best to plant.

"Now that we are past the experimental stage of varieties are most suitable to be grown in the province, it rests with the nurserymen to supply fruit growers with the varieties they ask for true to name, otherwise much loss of time, labor and money will be the result to the grower, and even perhaps the entire frustration of all his plans, and eventually in a measure, bring discredit on the province as a fruit growing country.

"I can see no reason why nurserymen should not be as careful as the seedmen, who in my experience rarely make a mistake, although dealing in an almost endless variety of seeds. If this society could by any means impress on them the great and important necessity of only sending out that which is true to name, a lasting benefit would be done to the purchaser and the province.

"5. Treatment for the First Few Years—To do justice to a young orchard one must be careful to keep the land well pulverized so as to prevent over evaporation, and it is good to mulch until such time as the roots have got a good and firm hold.

"Judicious pruning is a very necessary part of an orchardist's work, as is also that of spraying, to keep in check and if possible eradicate fungus growths and insect pests, so injurious to the healthy development of tree and fruit. From your annual reports any one can now have full particulars as to the right sprays and the proper time to apply them, and by carefully and intelligently following the instructions given will attain the desired results.

"6. Fruit growers' associations and membership—in bringing these hints to a close, let me address a few words to those who have not as yet joined this, or any local fruit growers' association. The advantages to be gained by doing so are obvious. The discussions which take place at the meetings will enable you to obtain information from parties of more or less experience, which will be most serviceable in your work, or if you have not yet started in this our honorable calling, it will assist you to decide where and how to go about it. To the practical man, having the experience, and not a member of one or other of our societies, I say to him join at once. It is your bounden duty to lend a helping hand to make fruit growing one of the successful and profitable industries of this province."

After this paper came the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting and the statement of the retiring secretary Mr. A. H. B. Macgowan. Mr. Macgowan reported a balance in the bank of $307.66. Mr. E. Jacobs and Mr. Hutcherson were appointed to audit the books for last year, and while they were at their work the meeting went on to other business.

CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION.

In What Manner Can Farmers Improve Their Condition and General Prosperity.

"One of the questions we must ask ourselves as farmers is the one, in what manner can we improve our condition and our general prosperity? This leads to the consideration of our opportunities, and whether we make the best of them; our methods of working, whether they could be improved; and the sale of our products, whether this is effected in the best manner possible. Let us consider how the best results can be obtained, or at all events, approached.

"It is obvious that in a community one man may be successful with cattle, while another may be a better gardener than the former. Is it not natural that these two men should exchange views to their mutual advantage? Herein lies the value of meetings similar to this, viz., in the exchange of ideas, the mutual improvement consequent thereto, and subsequently the co-operative action which such a meeting should stimulate.

"The agricultural societies of B. C. are not on a by any means satisfactory footing, nine-tenths of this exist merely as exhibition societies. Now an exhibition is very good in stimulating a spirit of rivalry to produce better fruit and better stock, and also in educating the public eye and taste, but there the matter ends, and to my mind the holding of an exhibition is by no means the whole duty of an agricultural society. These are matters which I think our agricultural societies should take up. The holding of meetings for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to methods of cultivation, varieties of grass, fruit and stock, ditching, clearing, building, etc.

"Without entering into party politics they could take up public questions affecting the interests of its members, also questions of freight rates, the improvement of public highways.

"If a creamery or a fruit cannery is to be started in the district, the agricultural society is the proper body to investigate the advisability of starting the same and to assist the organization of the same. The organization of farmers in Ontario and the other provinces is much better than our own, and a little examination into their methods will not be out of place. As some of you may know, the grange system existed in Ontario some years ago, which was rather more of a political organization of farmers. This has to a large extent been superceded by the Farmers' Institute system, which I will now proceed to describe. Fifty signatures with a membership fee of 25 cents will entitle the signers to an institute. The assistance given by the Ontario government consists of a grant of $25, provided that the municipality grants the institute a like amount. The provincial government send two delegates for two days to their meeting, paying all expenses connected with the delegation.

"In addition to this the services of a superintendent are engaged whose entire duty is to organize the institute meetings, distributing the delegates. etc. All the members receive all the reports published by the department. These institutes, of course, have to comply with the regulations of the department.

"The province of Manitoba has instituted a system on the same lines, with the following variations: The number of members required is only 25, with a subscription of 50c. I would like to hear from the members present whether they would recommend the inauguration of a similar system here, when we consider that in Ontario in 1885 the first 12 meetings were held, in 1895 303 meetings were held; in 1896 there were 666, with a total attendance of 102,461. Steps must be taken in regard to the agricultural association appropriations at the present time, whereas the grant remains the same, the individual grants are being continually reduced by reason of new societies being formed, and unfortunately some of these sub-divisions are caused by local petty jealousies, converting what should be one good exhibition into two indifferent ones."

This paper brought out the same discussion as had taken place during the afternoon on the multiplicity of exhibitions. Mr. Thomas Cunningham, of Mission, spoke out for centralization, saying that two or perhaps one grand show was better than a lot of little ones, and citing the Toronto fair as an example of what was doing more good to the farmer than all the other shows together. Perhaps one show east of the Cascades, one on the Mainland and one on the Island would meet all requirements. G. W. Henry, of Hatzic, differed from this, and thought the little shows helped the farmers and waked the people up in the rural districts. Finally the discussion was closed by a resolution moved by Mr. C. Hutcherson, seconded by Mr. A. C. Wells and carried, that it is the opinion of the fruit growers association that the appropriations of the British Columbia government in aid of agricultural societies be made more strictly in accordance with the membership and general revenue of the societies, and that moreover that societies be required to perform certain educational conditions to be decided by the legislature.

In presenting his report of the Spokane Fair Mr. E. Hutcherson remarked that while a committee was appointed at the summer meeting of the association to take charge of an exhibit to be sent to Spokane no arrangements were made for the calling together of the committee, nor was any appropriation made for carrying out the work. "The reason for this unbusiness like affair," said Mr. Hutcherson, "can be better explained by those who took part in the meeting than by myself. I may here say that I believe you fully understand that the time is past when you can find men who will give their time and expend their money in going around gathering and paying for exhibits out of their own pockets. The consequence was that the fruit exhibit made at Spokane, with the exception of a few samples from Duncan, Nanaimo, and Spence's Bridge, was from the orchard of Thomas G. Earl, Lytton. To that gentleman belongs the credit for the excellent display of apples made at Spokane. Had it not been for the enthusiasm of a few of your members your resolution would have been a dead letter. That the zealousness was warranted has been fully proven to me by my experiences as your representative at Spokane." Mr. Hutcherson went on to speak of the highly complimentary remarks made by the people and press of Spokane on the B. C. exhibit, and asked

"Would it not be well for you to awaken and acknowledge the responsibility of your existence as an association and look past the present to the great possibilities of this province as a fruit growing country? Why should not the people of Washington speak and write of your wonderful pears, plums and prunes? Why do not Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces shout the praise of our wonderful apples, pears, plums, cherries and prunes? Simply because you as an association are not doing your duty. You could well take a lesson from the mining interests of this province and their grand exhibit at Skokane. The following varieties of apples from Mr. Earl's orchard were conceded to be superior to any of their kind at the fair: Gravenstein, Maidens, Blush, Alexander, Twenty Ounce, Spitzenbergs, English Golden Russets, Blenheim Orange, Talman's Sweet, Yellow Newton Pippin, Northern Spy, Smith's Cider, Blue Pearmain, Red Betingheimer, McIntosh Red, R. I. Greening, Baldwin, Ben Davis and the Wealthy apples were conceded the most perfect plate in the exhibition." Other varieties were cited by Mr. Hctcherson as being especially fine. The report spoke in high terms of the kindness of the fair management, and touched on the fine display made by British Columbia in minerals at the show.

Mr. J. R. Anderson bore out Mr. Mr. Hutcherson's remarks as to the courtesy and kindness of the Spokane fair managment, and a vote of thanks to them was moved by Mr. Kipp, and carried.

In connection with this, Mr. J. R. Anderson received a vote of thanks, moved by Mr. R. M. Palmer and seconded by Mr. Hadwen, Mr. Palmer remarking that had it not been for Mr. Anderson's efforts there would have been no exhibits from British Columbia.

Next came another vote of thanks, this time to the worthy president, Mr. Earl, for his handsome exhibit of fruit, which captured the prize at Spokane and won the trophy for the association.

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Lv. Victoria for Nanaimo and Wellington	8:00	3:20
Ar. Nanaimo	11:40	6:38
Ar. Wellington	12:00	6:55

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	Daily	Sat'day
	A.M.	P.M.
Lv. Wellington for Victoria	8:20	3:30
Lv. Nanaimo for Victoria	8:40	3:45
Ar. Victoria	12:20	7:00

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Leave Victoria for Nanaimo, Friday, at 7 a.m.
Leave Nanaimo for Victoria, Saturday, at 7 a.m

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TENDERS.

NOTICE.

Lease of Timber Limits

EAST KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

Sealed tenders will be received by the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works up to 4 o'clock p.m., on Thursday, 25th February, 1897, from any person, persons or corporation, for permission to lease the undermentioned lands for the purpose of cutting spars, timber or lumber, subject to the provisions of the "Land Act," and amendments thereto, viz.:

Lots 260, 261 and 262, Group 1, East Kootenay District, containing in the aggregate 2,680 acres.

The competitor offering the highest cash bonus will be entitled to a lease of the premises for a term of twenty-one years.

Each tender must be accompanied by a certified bank cheque to cover the cost of survey, $800.00, the first year's rental, $402.00, and the amount of the bonus tendered. The cheques will be at once returned to unsuccessful competors.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 20th January, 1897. ja17

Dry Goods Business For Sale.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned until the 1st day of February next, for the purchase of the stock-in-trade, furniture, fixtures and good-will of the late W. Craft, situate at No. 93 Douglas street, Victoria. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. For further particulars apply to.

W. G. CAMERON, Executor.
ja1 55 Johnson Street.

NOTICES.

[L.S.] E. DEWDNEY.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our Faithful the members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia at Our City of Victoria—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

D. M. Eberts, Attorney-General.

WHEREAS We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our people of Our Province of British Columbia, and to have their advice in Our Legislature:

NOW KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into considration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to hereby convoke, and by these presents enjoin you, and each of you, that on Monday, the Eighth day of the month of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in Our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favor of God, be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable EDGAR DEWDNEY, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this 29th day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and in the sixtieth year of Our Reign.

By command,
JAMES BAKER,
de31 Provincial Secretary.

Legislative Assembly

Private Bills.

NOTICE.

The time limited by the Rules of the House for receiving Petitions for Private Bills will expire on Monday, the 22nd day of February, 1897.

Bills must be presented on or before the 1st day of March, 1897.

Reports from the Standing Committees on Private Bills will not be received after the 8th day of March, 1897.

If any of the Rules above referred to are suspended, the promoters of all Bills taking the benefit of such suspension of said Rules, will be required to pay double fees.

Authority to act as Parliamentary Agent during the session may be obtained on application to the undersigned.

Dated this 12th day of January, 1897.

THORNTON FELL,
ja13 Clerk Legislative Assembly.

NOTICE.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

IN PROBATE.

In the Matter of the Estate of John Doran, of Esquimat Road, near the City of Victoria in the Province of British Columbia, Deceased.

Pursuant to an order of the said Supreme Court made by His Lordship Mr. Justice Walkem, on the 6th day of January, 1897, probate of the Will of the said John Doran, deceased, was granted to the Rev. Joseph Nicolaye the executor in the said Will named.

All persons indebted to the estate of the said John Doran, deceased, are hereby required forthwith to pay, and all persons having any claim against the said estate are required to send particulars thereof to me.

E. M. JOHNSON,
Agent for Rev. J. Nicolaye,
Executor of John Doran, Deceased.
Office, 37 Government Street, Victoria, B.C.
P.O. Address Box 188, Victoria, B.C. ja8

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to amend the "Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited, Act, 1896," by giving power to the Company to amend its Articles and Memorandum of Association from time to time as the Company may deem necessary.

Dated at Victoria, B.C., this 29th day of December, A.D., 1896.

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THE STATE OF TRADE.

R. G. Dun & Co. Report Shows But Small Improvement During the Past Month.

Corn Replacing Wheat in Europe—Woolen Mills Starting—Large Decrease in Failures.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—R. G. Dun & Co., in their weekly review of trade, will say: January has been a month of disappointment. Out of real gain nearly everybody had promised himself a land of milk and honey afterNew Year's, and the slow progress looks like standing still to men in such a state of mind. Moreover, there are multitudes throughout the country who have been taking large ventures in advance of or apart from their regular business, because they expected a rise in prices. But prices as yet fail to bring them profit. Wheat has declined heavily; cotton has scarcely risen enough to pay brokerage; wool holds steady in spite of enormous buying; woollen goods have not changed in price; iron and its products decline; leather is sluggish; hides are lower, for some manufacturers accept a shade lower prices; the average of railroad stocks is slightly lower than it was on Dec. 31, and the advance in trust stocks has been small. To traders in such properties the month has been disappointing, yet, during the past week, the records show that ten iron works have been started, and only two have stopped. Thirteen woollen works have started, and nine more are about ready to start, while three have stopped. Similar things are seen in other industries, and the additional establishments are not starting without some increase in the orders received.

It would do more harm than good to exaggerate the improvement. Much harm was done in that way in 1895 and again last November. But a study of the conditions governing business indicates that the wheels are on the right track and are moving in the right direction. The decline in wheat was over six cents in spite of an official report of a yield far below the estimates generally accepted. This reflects a perception of the error of the report, and also of the influence of the enormous exports of corn instead of wheat in the last seven months. When two bushels of corn can be had for less than one bushel of wheat it is largely preferred in the European markets, and in January 7,851,728 bushels of corn went abroad from Atlantic ports against 5,307,349 last year, while the Atlantic exports of wheat and flour have been 6,535,154 bushels against 8,403,765 last year. The largest article of export at this season goes out freely, but cotton looks less attractive to traders, because American millers are laboring over plans to reduce their great surplus of goods, and prices of many have declined.

The sales of wool in January have never been surpassed in that month nor in any other month except last November, and July of 1895 and 1892. In the earlier years the sudden demand for consumption was the cause. But the increase in orders for woollen goods was small in November and has been small in January compared with purchases to anticipate possible duties. The price remained about steady. The yielding in some grades of boots and shoes has not continued, leather is unchanged and hides are scarcely a shade lower, but the shipments from the East for a month have been 15 per cent. larger than last year, and only 2 per cent. less than in the largest presidential year. Iron and steel manufacture show but little gain, the product having increased so heavily before, and the gradual enlargement of the demand for finished articles has not overtaken the increase. Tin and copper are a shade stronger, but competition causes the sales of tin plates to run ten to fifteen cents below the agreed price.

The failures for the week have been 351 in the United States against 404 last year, and 57 in Canada against 70 last year.

The bank clearances for the Dominion of Canada were: Montreal, $9,828,763, increase 5.6 per cent.; Toronto, $5,799,453, decrease 7 per cent.; Winnipeg, $811,703, decrease 8.6 per cent.; Halifax, $1,042,102, increase 4 per cent.; Hamilton, $558,183; St. John, N. B., $460,685.

Buy air-tight heaters at Cheapside. x

Stub's Vegetable Blood Purifier—local testimonials. x

FASHIONS IN ATHLETICS.

Decline of Croquet—Tennis a Club Game Now—Popular Cycling.

In no department, perhaps, does fashion make its laws more severe than in that of sports. Where a game has once begun to lose favor it follows the downward path swiftly, and no power is great enough to bring it back. Archery is one of the best examples of a dead sport. In its day, which lasted from 1876 into the early eighties, it had a furore almost as great as that of cycling at present.

It is not strictly true to say that croquet is entirely out of date, though as far as its old form is concerned this is about the case. From the mild lawn game once so familiar a scientific croquet has been developed, which is much like billiards in the skill which it requires to play it well. Dirt courts leveled until perfectly true, wickets so small as just to admit the passage of the ball and short handled, long headed mallets are the characteristics of the game.

Whether lawn tennis has seen its best days is a rather vexed question. There is no doubt that golf has charmed away a few of its friends, but it is also true that in most cases these were the veter-

CORRECT SUITS FOR CYCLING.

ans, who were perhaps glad to welcome the new sport as an excuse for dropping the one which they were beginning to find too active. Tennis is now almost entirely a club game, the many private courts which used to be seen on country places everywhere having been largely abandoned.

There is justice in the general claim that cycling has hurt all other sports to some extent, but there is another side of the question not so generally recognized, says the writer of the foregoing in the New York Tribune, who explains as follows: Cycling has brought thousands of people who never before took any exercise whatever or interested themselves at all in athletic pastimes into relation with other sports through the very fact of being engaged in one. It provides such an easy and pleasant means of getting to the golf course or tennis court or ballfield that in scores of instances which might be cited it has led its followers to take up those sports as well. One of its greatest advantages is that it need not necessarily interfere with the pursuit of other exercises, but may be and often is combined with them with the happiest results.

In this connection are furnished some imported models of cycling suits that are not only decidedly natty in appearance, but exceedingly convenient, comfortable and well adapted to the wheel.

A FARMER'S TRIALS.

LA GRIPPE LEAVES HIM WEAK AND WORN OUT.

A Victim to Cold Chills, Violent Headaches and Palpitation of the Heart — Three Months Medical Treatment Failed to Help Him.

There are few troubles which result more disastrously to health than an attack of la grippe. The patient may recover from its immediate effects, but it nevertheless too frequently leaves behind it a wrecked constitution. Among those who have suffered severely from its baneful effects is Mr. Harry Dagg, a well known farmer who lives eight miles south of Ninga, Manitoba. It was when la grippe swept over this country in a fierce epidemic during the spring of 1893 that Mr. Dagg's trouble began. The disease left him a victim to cold chills, violent headaches and dizziness, accompanied at times by severe palpitation of the heart. Mr. Dagg went to Boissevain to consult a doctor, who told him that the trouble was liable to develop into consumption, and advised him to discontinue all work. For about three months he remained under the doctor's care, but instead of getting better was gradually growing weaker, and had become so run down that the slightest exertion would completely use him up. At this stage a neighbor handed him a pamphlet advertising Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and after reading a number of the testimonials he determined to give the pills a trial. He felt that his case was critical, and wisely decided that the merits of the Pink Pills should be thoroughly tested, so he procured a dozen boxes. After taking the third box he says there was no doubt in his mind that they were helping him, and even the slight improvement noticeable gave him fresh courage. He continued taking the pills throughout the winter of 1894 and when spring had come his health was completely restored, and he was as strong and vigorous as he had ever been, and from that time forward he has enjoyed the best of health. Mr. Dagg states that he still uses Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in spring and fall as a tonic, and always feels the better of their use, and he is certain that if others will follow his example there would be less sickness and suffering throughout the country.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills strike at the root of the disease, driving it from the system and restoring the patient to health and strength. In cases of paralysis, spinal troubles, locomotor ataxia, sciatica, rheumatism, erysipelas, scrofulous troubles, etc, these pills are superior to all other treatment. They are also a specific for the troubles which make the lives of so many women a burden, and speedily restore the rich glow of health to pale and sallow cheeks. Men broken down by overwork, worry or excesses will find in Pink Pills a certain cure. Sold by all dealers or sent by mail post paid, at 50c. a box, or six boxes for $2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont. Beware of imitations and substitutes alleged to be "just as good."

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THE TOWN OF GRAND FORKS Has sprung into existence within the last year; early in the spring the place consisted of a few houses. Owing to the rapid opening of the Mines and the travel and traffic consequent on between 4,000 and 6,000 claims having been located, there are now estimated to be over 200 houses and 500 people residing in the town. The principal buildings consist of a three-story and several two-story Hotels, General Stores, Butchers, Bakers, Post Office, The Grand Forks Miner Newspaper Office, Brewery, Assembly Rooms, &c., &c., and all the usual Dry Goods, Millinery, Furniture and other businesses, which with several fine dwellings go to make up a busy town. Surveyors, Lawyers, Assayers, Real Estate Agents, Share and Mine Brokers are now established in business in this place.

AN APPLICATION Is now pending to the Provincial Legislature for an Act of Incorporation, and notices given of two separate Private Bills for Water, Electric Light and Power Companies, also Telephone, Water, etc. All in connecction with and to supply the Town of Grand Forks and Suburbs.

LOTS OF 25X120 FEET Are now selling in the Townsite as at present laid out at prices from $250 to $550. These lots run about 14 to the acre.

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Equal to about 70 Townsite Lots, will be offered for sale on Most Reasonable Terms and at prices which are less per acre than the price of a single Townsite Lot.

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OF THE FUTURE PROSPECTS Of the District, but few words are necessary. Three Lines of Railway are projected to and through this property. The Spokane Falls & Northern are reported to be ready to build in the spring; the Columbia & Western Line, as may be seen at the Lands and Works Office, is projected through the land; The People's Line from the Coast also passes this point, and the C.P.R. Surveyors have run lines through the land during the past year.

A POWERFUL MINING & SMELTING CO. Report their intention of building a 500-Ton Smelter in the close proximity of this land, and the owners have been applied to for a site for this purpose. Such an industry is warranted from the fact that the Great Volcanic Mine, said to be the largest deposit of copper gold ore now known, purposes to smelt the product of their mine at this point. The Projected Roads make it the most convenient receiving and shipping point, and a leading Bank is said to be about to open an Agency, as the employment of the requiaed labor will circulate a no small sum of money each month.

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NOTICES.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Dominion Parliament at its next sitting for a private bill to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing, equipping, maintaining, and operating a railway from a point on the south boundary line of British Columbia, between the 134th and 136th degrees of Longitude, at the head of Lynn Canal, and thence northerly and westerly by the most feasible route to the north boundary line of British Columbia, with power to construct maintain, and operate branch lines and all necessary bridges, ferries, and wharves, and construct, own, and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to build, own, and operate steam and other vessels, to take and use water for generating electricity and other purposes, and to acquire foreshore rights and lands for the right of way, station grounds, and other necessities, and to acquire lands and other bonuses or aids from the Government of Canada and British Columbia, or from any municipality, corporation, or person, to aid in the construction of the said railway, and make traffic and other arrangements with other railway companies or persons, and for all other usual and necessary powers and privileges, and also for power to levy a royalty on all precious metals passing outwards over the said road when constructed.

Dated at the City of Victoria, British Columbia, this 19th day of August, 1896.

DRAKE JACKSON & HELMCKEN,
Solicitors for Applicants.
Victoria, B. C. au23

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining a railway of standard or narrow guage from a point on the Stikeen river to a point on or near Dease Lake, in the District of Cassiar, with power to extend to the northern and eastern confines of British Columbia, and to construct and operate branch lines, and telegraph and telephone lines, and to construct and maintain wharves, docks, warehouses, and to expropriate lands for the above purposes, together with all other usual, necessary or incidental powers in the premises.

DUMBLETON & INNES,
Solicitors and Agents for Applicants.
Victoria, B.C., January, 1897. ja8

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of acquiring mining rights over unoccupied parts of the Cottonwood river, Cariboo District, and the banks thereof between the points A and B on a plan in the possession of the undersigned: also to divert the water from portions of the bed of said river, and to take, use, appropriate and divert the waters of said Cottonwood river, and of Swift river, Lightning Creek and Chislom Creek, or any tributaries of the same, and to build flumes and lay pipes, and to supply said water for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, electrical, domestic and other purposes, and for other powers and privileges incidental or conducive to the aforesaid objects

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ja1 F. C. DUNLEVY,

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Report for 24 hours ending 9 p.m.

1 a.m..	39·	Mean 40·	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m..	38·		
9 a.m..	39·	Highest 44·	5 a.m.—4 N.
1 p.m.	42·		1 p.m.—Calm.
5 p.m..	41·	Lowest 35·	9 p.m.—Calm.
9 p.m..	38.		Rain—0.2.

Average state of weather—Cloudy. No Sun.

Barometer 9 a.m... {Observed .....29.610 {Reduced 29.610

E. BAYNES REED, Observer.

PASSENGERS.

Per str. CHARMER from Vancouver—J Kelsler, F Wilson, J F Mowatt and wife, J B Bissell, Officer Hawton, John Carthew, Ed Key, W H Beatty, Arthur Lee, F R Stewart, Geo M Leishman, A Wood, E O Murphy, P Dickenson, Alex Begg, R Collister, W A Ward, F V Austin, R Jamieson, G T Legg, Chas Wilson, J M McKinnon, W R Robertson, John Banfield, D H McDonald, A Cameron, E Jacob, John Kirkup, T B Gault, E A Wadhams, Rev R W Trotter, Mrs Geary and son, J W Henry, Jas Cunningham, Jno Gault, Jas W Wey, T H Parker.

Per steamer ROSALIE from the Sound—J D Farwell, M Deverding, Wm Pickett, J J Knapp, A C Geddings, R Jones and M McDonald.

Per steamer SEHOME from the Sound—W R McKenzie and wife, H Hobson, D Sullivan, R Wilzinski, F Black, Mrs Bennett and D W David.

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CONSIGNEES.

Per steamer ROSALIE from the Sound—Brackman & Ker M Co, Ellis & Given, J Wilson & Co, S Leiser & Co, and J & A Clearihue.

Per steamer CHARMER from Vancouver—John Earsman, Marine Artillery, Lenz & Leiser, Geo Maynard, Wm Dalby, P Knott, A Parker, W Brown, W Christie, F R Stuart, H O Hill, H Brady, Humphrey & Pottinger, J Wilson, W Thomson, J Mouatt, J H Todd & Co and Langley & H Bros.

Per steamer SEHOME from the Sound—T Storey, Chas Hayward, C P Nav Co, A Burger, Lange & Co, A Lapierre, H Clark and Joe Levy.

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DIED.

GLIDE—At her residence, No. 34 Erie street, after a lingering illness, Ellen, the beloved wife of Henry Glide, a native of St. Andrews, Fifeshire, Scotland, aged 51 years and four months.

The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon, January 31st, at 2 o'clock, from the residence as above, and at 2:30 p.m. from Reformed Episcopal church. Friends will please accept this intimation.

St. Andrew's and San Francisco papers please copy.

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BURNS ANNIVERSARY CONCERT.

Choirmaster Brown and His Associate Artists Present a Programme of Exceptional Quality.

The Burns anniversary concert, under the auspices of the choir of the First Presbyterian church, was given in the church hall last night to a very large audience, the following being the programme:

Part song—"A Man's a Man for a' That".....Choir
Violin solo—"Scottish Airs".Miss Blackie
Song—"The Rowan Tree".....Mr. W. D. Kinnaird
Part song—"Braw, Braw Lads o' Gala Water".....Choir
Song—"John Anderson, My Jo".....Mrs. Gregson
Song—"McGregor's Gathering".....Mr. J. G. Brown
Cantata—"The Rising of the Clans".....Choir
Part song—"The Standard on the Braes o' Mar".....Choir
Violin solo—"Scottish Airs".Miss Blackie
Song—"Doon the Burn, Davie, Love".....Miss Fraser
Part song—"Thou Bonnie Wood o' Craigielea".....Choir
Song—"Memories Dear".....Mr. G. F. Watson
Song—"Cam' Ye By Athol".....Mrs. Gregson
Song (humorous and in character)—"Maggie Lauder".....Mr. Willie Tamson
Part song—"We're a' Noddin'".....Choir
......"Auld Lang Syne".....

Mrs. Hall was accompanist and did her work admirably. The several solos were well executed and encores were the order of the evening. Miss Blackie's work on the violin exhibited considerable force and was very acceptable. From a musical point of view the choir singing was, however, the strongest feature of the concert. Between thirty and forty ladies and gentlemen took part, and the conductor, Mr. J. G. Brown, had them well in hand. They sang with precision, power and expression. The absence, through illness, of Miss Johnson, who was on the programme for two numbers, was much regretted.

Only a few macintoshes left at Freeman's old stand; a few at $3.75; worth $9.00 to $12.00. x

A complete line of first-class cutlery always on hand at Weiler Bros. x

☞The Semi-Weekly Colonist leads.

Shopping News

Published Saturday morning, for the benefit of The Colonist readers. To business houses desiring notices under this head a uniform rate of two cents a word, each insertion, will be charged.

Just received the following new lines of goods, flannelettes, ladies' fine seamless black wool stockings 25c. pair; black velveteens from 25 to 75c. a yard; white Marsailles toilet covers 20c. each; white embroideries from 5c. a yard; ladies' umbrellas from 40c. each; gents umbrellas from 50c. each; ladies corsets, Blanche, 6 hooks, beats every other corset in the market for the price, 50c. a pair. J. Horner & Co., 83 Douglas street.

Drugs can't be better than the best. Jones.

My Blend Ceylon tea at 25c. at Hardress Clarke's.

One hundred men's overcoats and mackintoshes, reduced to $1.90 for one month only. B. Williams & Co., clothers and hatters, 97 Johnson street.

Just received—consignment of Canadian novelties. Barber Bros., novelties, 51 Yates street.

Table knives, dessert knives, electroplated spoons and forks, and fine carving sets at Fox's, 78 Gov't street.

Go to Shore's for prospectors' outfits, 57 Johnson street.

Extra values in all lines of dry goods, at the Victoria House—86½ Douglas street. G. A. Richardson & Co.

Make a note of it! Clearance sale of men's furnishings, clothing, etc., now going on at S. Reid's, 122 Government St.

Economy is the road to wealth—Gentlemen don't discard your suits or overcoats because they are soiled or faded, but have them cleaned or dyed at the B. C. Dye Works, 141 Yates street. Telephone 200.

Prescriptions accurately filled by Jones.

Flowery Peko Ceylon tea [gold medal], 45c., at Hardress Clarke's.

Our annual sale now on; all lines reduced. B. Williams & Co., clothiers and hatters, 97 Johnson street.

Hall's Baking Powder. Ladies who have used it once will not use any other. Prepared from pure cream of tartar and bicarbonate of soda. Made only at Central Drug Store, Clarence block, corner of Douglas and Yates street.

Flowery Ceylon blend tea at 20c. at Hardress Clarke's.

I.X.L. Ceylon tea at 30c. at Hardless Clarke's.

These cold mornings use Novelty fire kindler. Barber Bros., novelties, 51 Yates street.

A.B.C. Ceylon tea at 40c. at Hardress Clarke's.

Rubber stamps and supplies of all kinds. Orders executed promptly at moderate prices. Barber Bros., novelties, 51 Yates street.

Boy's pea jackets and overcoats at ridiculous prices to clear. B. Williams & Co., clothiers and hatters, 97 Johnson street.

Boys' suits at half price for one week only. B Williams & Co., clothiers and hatters, 97 Johnson street.

The only "alway open" drug store in the Province is the P.P.P.P.

"The Senate," 91 Government street, is now open for the entertainment of all friends of the house and the new proprietors—W. Petrie and W. F. Hall. "Everything of the best" is the motto of the house, and a visit will prove that it is adhered to. x

GENERAL complaint is made that the sidewalk cleaning law is not more rigorously enforced, when the accumulation of snow and sluch is a source of constant annoyance.

CHARLES HARRIS, whose temper got him into trouble on Thursday while he was at work with the snow-shovelling brigade on James Bay bridge, will have plenty of time in which to repent. He had a few words with another laborer in regard to a favorite shovel and resented a request to abandon the implement to James Campbell by striking him over the head. The wound inflicted was a serious one, and in the police court yesterday Harris was sentenced to pay a fine of $10 and serve a term of one month at hard labor. The fine not having been paid the imprisonment will be for two months. Harris is said to have a large family, upon whom will fall as heavily as upon himself the punishment for his wrongdoing.

Crossley's patent tapestry carpet is a good heavy cloth and will give you satisfaction. Try Weiler Bros. x

Brooms, brushes, and a full range of washt tubs, wash boards, knife boards, etc., at Weiler Bros. x

Stub's Vegetable Blood Purifier—the best remedy. x

Sheffield cutlery; all kinds in stock at Fox's, 78 Gov't. A fine line of razor strops just arrived. x

Hungarian flour, $1.35 per sack at Johns Bros., Douglas street. x

DETAINED IN QUARANTINE.

Port Townsend Officers Threaten the "Victoria" Crew With a Fortnight's Holiday.

The crew of the Victoria will remain in this city until the return of the vessel to this port, owing to the refusal of the Port Townsend quarantine authorities to allow them to pass that point without two weeks' detention in quarantine. A crew will be taken from Tacoma to work the vessel to that point. The Tacoma Union says: Nothing is definitely known what disposition will be made of the detained steerage passengers. They will be kept at some point across the line for a couple of weeks anyway. Yesterday a number of men were put to work cleaning up the vessel, work usually done by the Chinese crew. It is reported considerable difficulty was had in securing men to do the work for the price offered, $1.25 a day. Fire was started yesterday under the Tacoma's boilers and she will be ready to depart, as before announced, early this morning. It takes 24 hours to get up steam sufficient to propel the ship, after her boilers have become cold.

THE "CHIEFTAIN'S" REMODELLING.

No more neat and tidy tug will claim Victoria as its home port than the Chieftain, when her present extensive overhauling under the supervision of the underwriters has been completed. The vessel's machinery as well as her hull, which was damaged in Northern waters some few months ago, is receiving attention, and through an alteration that is now being effected, the steamer's speed will be largely increased. She will soon be ready for service again.

MARINE NOTES.

A pile-driver belonging to the Hudson's Bay Co. got "lagged" on Thursday night, and lay yesterday unable to support its load as near the turned-turtle position as ropes, running from its lofty derrick and attached ashore, would permit. Those labouring about the vessel yesterday were reticent in discussing its misfortune. The pile-driver has but recently received considerable repairs.

The sealing schooners Luisa D and Kate and Ann have been reported, the former with 126 and the latter 90 skins.

The steamship Victoria, outward bound from the sound to the Orient, will be here on the 5th proximo.

H.M.S. Imperieuse is expected back from her cruise up the gulf on the 6th of next month.

The steamship Empress of Japan sails on Monday for the orient.

ENTERED.

Str. Islander .....from Vancouver.
" City of Kingston, " Port Townsend.
" Rosalie..... " " "
" Fingal ..... " Vancouver.
" Rainbow ..... " "
" City of Nanaimo.. " Nanaimo.

CLEARED.

Str. Islander ..... for Vancouver.
" City Kingston " Port Townsend.
" Rosalie ..... " " "
" Fingal..... " Boundary Bay.
" City of Nanaimo " Nanaimo.
" Alert..... " "

THE PIONEER BUILDING SOCIETY

Celebrates Its Thirteenth Birthday, Elects Officers and Transacts Other Business.

The thirteenth annual general meeting of the Vancouver Island Building Society was held yesterday evening, under the presidency of Mr. J. M. Read, when the secretary's financial statement and balance sheet were presented, showing the affairs of the association to be in a prosperous condition, with a balance to the credit of management account sufficient to pay a dividend of $9 per share. This, after full discussion, was adopted. The directors' report followed, and, in connection therewith, it was decided that no more shares should be issued after this date.

On the election of directors being reached the following were chosen: Messrs. J. M. Read, Fred. Carne jr., Henry Moss, G.A. Carleton, R. Erskine, C. Booth and R. Carter. Mr. B. Williams was re-elected secretary (by acclamation), Mr. A. H. Maynard being again chosen treasurer (also by acclamation), and Messrs. Ross Monro and B. Boggs, auditors. At a subsequent meeting, Mr. J. M. Read was re-elected president, for the thirteenth time; Mr. G. A. Carleton, vice-president; Mr. C. D. Mason, solicitor; and Mr. John Teague, sr., valuator.

During the general meeting the 93rd and 94th drawings for an appropriation took place, resulting in 73 B, belonging to Mr. Harry Maynard, and 55 B, standing in the name of A. A. Aaronson, being each declared entitled to an appropriation of $1,000.

A LESSON IN PROVERBS,

As Illustrated in the O'er True Tale of William Williams.

Billy Williams, who was arrested Thursday night for indecency, is fully convinced that "it never rains but it pours"—while Detective Perdue also quotes proverbs in regard to their meeting yesterday, and observes that it is "an ill wind that blows good to no one."

It came about thus. William had been in the court and received his sentence of three months at hard labor, with an additional three months to follow in default, and preparation was being made to remove him to the provincial jail when Jailer Mitten chanced to remark that it was a fine old English watch that he carried.

The duplicate William agreed, but was not disposed to be enthusiastic in the matter.

"Watch m' mother giv' me," he explained.

This increasing the interest in the relic, Detective Perdue also took a glance at it, and curiosity prompted him to note the number. Strange to say he found it tally with that of a missing timepiece of identical description that had been stolen about a week ago from one C. Finnerty.

"William," he said, "I'm afraid I shall have to ask you to tarry with us a little longer."

This morning he will face a second charge of having stolen property in his possession.

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Highest Honors—World's Fair,
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PERSONAL.

Chief of Police Kirkup of Rossland is in Victoria.

Robert Jamieson returned from Vancouver last night.

Barrister Charles Wilson is over from the Terminal City.

James Dunsmuir returned yesterday from a visit to Alberni.

Mrs. W. H. S. Perkins of Nanaimo is visiting Victoria friends.

F. R. Stewart, Vancouver, is registered at the New England.

A. L. Hamilton and J. Black of Montreal are staying at the Dominion.

J. Everding, jr., of San Francisco, registered at the Driard yesterday.

W. A. Ward was among the arrivals from Vancouver by last evening's Islander.

John Galt, Montreal, and T. F. Galt, Toronto, are among the arrivals at the Driard.

Dr. J. D. Helmcken is reported recovering most satisfactorily from his serious illness.

Allan Cameron, D.F.A. of the C.P.R., came over from Vancouver yesterday evening.

S. Tingley, manager of the British Columbia Express Co., Ashcroft, is at the Driard.

Rev. P. C. L. Harris left for Vancouver this morning to fill Rev. Mr. Baer's pulpit in that city to-morrow.

G. M. Leishman, R. Collister and J. W. Henry were passengers from the Mainland yesterday evening.

John Cobeldick, the English mining engineer who a short time ago purchased some mining property at Shoal Bay, is at the Driard.

J. Hardy and wife and J. F. Mowat of Vancouver arrived over by yefterday's Islander, and are registered at the Dominion.

J. H. and Mrs. Humbird, D. Humbird and wife, and E. J. and Mrs. Palmer returned yesterday from Chemainus, where the gentlemen had been paying a visit of inspection to the large lumber mill in which they are so heavily interested.

Thomas McNeeley of Ladners, E. Hutcherson of the same place, John Wilson of Savonas Ferry, and J. H. McNabb of Vancouver, are here to attend the fruit growers' convention, and are guests at the Oriental. Mrs. McNeeley accompanies her husband.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

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India Relief Fund.

In response to the following telegram from His Excellency, the Governor-General of Canada:

OTTAWA, 23rd January, 1897.

To His Honor; the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, Victoria, B.C.:

After consultation with Dominion Ministry, I have undertaken to receive and to transmit contributions from all parts of the Dominion, in aid of the distress in India, and I trust I may have Your Honor's support and co-operation in this national expression of sympathy.

[Signed] ABERDEEN,
Governor-General.

SUBSCRIPTION LISTS

Are opened at the following places: City Hall, the Public Schools, Government Buildings, Supreme Court, COLONIST office, Times office, Province office and Board of Trade Building.

It is to be hoped that the people of this city will respond liberally to the appeal for assistance on behalf of millions of our fellow subjects in India who are now suffering from famine and pestilence. The smallest contributions will be thankfully received, and the total amount realized will, I feel confident, show that Victoria is equally ready with her sister cities in the East to contribute her share to the Canadian fund for the relief of suffering humanity.

CHARLES E. REDFERN,
Mayor.
ja29

Craigends Farm.

The sale of this property has been postponed till THURSDAY, the 4th day of FEBRUARY, 1897, at 12 noon.
Dated this 6th day of January, A.D. 1897.
ja7 *JOSHUA DAVIES.*

NOTICE. *NEW SEEDS AT EASTERN PRICES.*
Having taken over the business lately carried on under the name of P. T. Johnson & Co., I would be pleased to see all old customers and new ones with a complete stock of new and reliable seeds. Floral designs, wreaths, etc., to order at shortest notice.
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Advertisements under the heads of Lost, Found, For Sale or To Let, Situations Wanted will be inserted at the rate of one cent a word each insertion. Payment always in advance. No advertisement received for less than twenty-five cents.

WANTS.

WANTED—Waitress. Apply to Mrs. Noble, Commercial Hotel, Douglas street. ja29

WANTED—A first-class experienced dressmaker for a business employing from ten to fifteen hands: must be good. Send references to H.K.G., Colonist. ja29

WANTED—Engineer and machinist of 15 years' experience, would like a steady position; will work cheap. Address J.R., Colonist office. ja28

WANTED—Second-hand windmill. Address John Spiers, Victoria West. ja28

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WANTED—An experienced nurse for young baby. Apply T., Colonist office. ja14

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